

## An Editorial CONTEMPT FOR THE PEOPLE -- CREED OF WPA-WRECKERS

Have you, Mr. or Mrs. Average American, ever looked into the soul of one of the Tory "economy" fanatics such as are now trying to smash the WPA projects? Come, take a look. Yesterday the New York Herald Tribune turned an X-ray on its own "economy"-loving soul. The result is about as coarse an expression of contempt for the average human being, his talents, hopes, and aspirations, as we have seen in many a day.

The Tribune declares that professionally trained people have no right to expect WPA work. In destroying these white collar projects, the Tribune is, of course, out to smash ALL WPA projects. It is going even further. It expresses its supreme contempt for any and every American who has no work, and who demands it. It is the same Hoover cold-bloodedness which sabotages recovery in industry.

Why do actors, actresses, writers, musicians, scientists, and technicians insist on private jobs or WPA work, asks this Hoover paper in mild wonder? Why don't they just quietly resign themselves to starvation? Why do they insist on contributing their special skill and training to society?

People need the professional men. The professional men need the people. But, sneers the Tribune, the "market" for professionally-trained people is "overcrowded." "The legal profession is overcrowded. So is the ministry."

Too much "brains." Too much skill. Too many people can read and write. The American people are becoming too damned educated for their own good. What this country needs is a good dose of morons and illiteracy. Such is the "soul" of Hoover economy propaganda as expressed by the Tribune.

The Tribune knows only one overriding law—"the market." What "market"? Don't the people need doctors, lawyers, theatres, orchestras, books? Sure, they do. They're hungry for it. They need it as much as they need bread. But the "market," dominated by Big Business, dooms these trained Americans to starvation.

What is this crazy and brutal "market"? It is nothing but the greed and selfishness of the Wall Street minority which slams the door in the faces of those who want to work, those who want to heal, those who want to produce entertainment, joy, culture, happiness for human beings. The Wall Street "market" says "No!" On one side stand doctors, actors, writers—on the other stand the people. When the WPA brings them together, the Tribune sneers at the "palpable absurdity of the whole work relief policy which insists that the beneficiary be employed at the occupation he has chosen."

Think of this Hoover cynicism! If the American people have no money to go to the doctors, then there are "too many doctors." Let the doctor go to hell! Why grant him the right to "be employed at the occupation he has chosen"? Let him rake leaves. Same with the actor. Same with any skilled person on the WPA. "It is not society's duty to adapt its employment to the tastes of the individual; the duty of adaptation rests on the individual," jeers the Tribune.

Nice word—"adaptation." It would seal a death warrant for the talents and ambitions of 99 per cent of the American people.

Such is the secret contempt for human progress, for human happiness which underlies the latest Congressional hooliganism against the WPA. Will you stand for it? Do you accept the command of the Hoover-Garner crowd that the American people become dull serfs because the monopoly-controlled "market" says "Stop!" to your human dignity and talent?

Wire your answer to Senator Alva Adams, of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill comes up Monday. Urge your Senator to protect human life and human dignity by defeating the WPA slashes. Such vandalism can be stopped. It has been stopped before. You can stop it now. Act!

## School Aid Demand To Be Mapped Monday

59 Education Board Presidents to Meet;  
LaGuardia Wires Plea for Inclusion in  
Message of Item to Governor

By Esther Cantor

Concerted action for restoration of the Republican slashes in state aid to education will be mapped out Monday morning at the New York City Board of Education hall, where 59 presidents of city boards of education throughout the state have been invited to attend a meeting.

The meeting, called for Monday at 10:30 A.M., "to discuss the effect of the Legislature's cut of approximately \$10,000,000 in State school aid," was decided on by presidents of six boards of education, including:

William Crocker, of Yonkers; George M. Davis, Jr. of New Rochelle; John A. Greer, of White Plains; Mary Hinkley, of Poughkeepsie; Frank J. Nardozzi, of Mt. Vernon; and James Marshall, of New York City.

Marshall, who announced the meeting, said that favorable responses have already been received from Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse presidents of board of education.

"The chief purpose of the meeting," Marshall said, "is to bring out the effects and implications of the budget cut on the various municipalities of the State and to discuss ways and means of meeting this cut."

TO PETITION LEHMAN

The meeting is expected to petition Governor Lehman to include restoration of the education cuts on the agenda for the special session of the Legislature.

Meanwhile, parents, students, teachers and labor continued to flood Albany with messages to the Governor urging him to include education in his message to the spe-

cial session, which opens today. The Court of Appeals decision invalidating the Republican lump sum budget did not decide on the education slashes.

The Republican legislators were also called upon to reverse their action in cutting educational funds in

PARENTS DEMAND  
DEWEY STATE STAND

The United Parents Association yesterday called on District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey to make public his stand on the demand for restoration of the \$10,000,000 cut in state aid to education put through by the Republican-controlled Legislature.

"As popular leader of your party in this city and state, please inform parents having children in city schools, through the medium of our organization, whether or not you approve of the restoration to the state budget for education of the amount which was deducted at the last regular session of the Legislature," the parents asked.

violation of their campaign promises, with Republican leaders Senator Joe R. Hanley and Assemblyman Irving M. Ives swamped with

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# U.S. Navy Rejects Tokio Ultimatum

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# PRESIDENT PLANS 4 BILLION LOAN FOR VAST JOB RECOVERY PROGRAM

## Legislature In Special Session Today

Lehman to Resubmit Full  
Budget Seen; Education  
Slash Major Issue

By Alex Leith

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, June 22.—The Special Session of the State Legislature, made mandatory by the unconstitutional budget making of the Republican Party, will convene tomorrow at 2 P.M. to receive its agenda from Governor Lehman.

Republican leaders, fuming over their setback in the courts, are faced with a formidable statewide

FDR CONGRATULATES  
GOVERNOR LEHMAN

ALBANY, June 22 (UP).—President Roosevelt congratulated Governor Lehman today on his successful court fight against constitutionality of the Republican lump-sum budget.

The President, who waged similar budget battles against Republicans while governor of New York, telegraphed to Lehman: "Delighted you won budget case by unanimous vote. Congratulations."

demand that they place back into the budget the \$10,000,000 which they took away from the schools.

It was not known tonight whether Governor Lehman would make special mention of the cut in educational funds in his agenda tomorrow. Sources close to the Governor believe that he will open the way for restoration of the full appropriation through a general formula, possibly by re-submitting his original budget. In the event that he confines the agenda to the illegal department cuts in his message tomorrow it would still be possible for him to enlarge the agenda in the course of the session.

DENOUNCES G.O.P.  
On the eve of the session Governor Lehman once more denounced the Republican Party for deliberately "fouling" the Constitution when it abolished item items in his budget and substituted lump sum appropriations.

In possession of a telegram from President Roosevelt congratulating

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## Rubens Admits Husband Was Anti-Soviet Spy

Woman Held in USSR on  
False Passport, Says  
He Was a Fascist

MOSCOW, June 22 (UP).—Mrs. Ruth Marie Rubens who served 18 months in a Soviet prison in the "Robinson-Rubens" passport fraud and espionage case, said tonight that her husband was an anti-Soviet spy.

"I think he was a fascist," Mrs. Rubens said of her husband, and explained quickly that she was anti-fascist.

She revealed that, twice after her arrest, she was brought face to face with him, and demanded to know whether he was a spy.

He broke into sobs, she said, and blurted out: "I am a criminal in the Soviet Union."

Mrs. Rubens told the United Press that she has been granted a six-months permit to remain in the Soviet Union.

Her husband, known to her as Adolph Arnold Rubens but identified on his passport as "Donald Louis Robinson," was arrested on Dec. 2, 1937.

Mrs. Rubens said she was well treated and given adequate food and courteous treatment during her 18 months imprisonment.

Producer, Actors Fight WPA Cut



—Daily Worker Photo

Shown here (left to right) are Herman Shumlin, secretary of the Theatre League of America; Frank Gilmore, president of the Actors, Artists Association and Borough President Stanley Isaacs, who is shaking hands with Tamiris, the famous dancer, as the actors and producer attended a meeting of the Board of Estimate to urge action on a resolution opposing WPA cuts and especially defending the Federal Theatre.

## LaGuardia Unites Farm, City Congressmen to Save WPA

His Initiative Brings  
Passage of Parity  
Pay for Farmers

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia was the moving spirit in effecting an agreement between farm and city Congressmen today which is expected to play an important part in liberalizing the drastic Woodrum relief bill.

As a result of the Mayor's intervention, a group of 25 liberal city Congressmen cast a balance-of-power vote this afternoon which succeeded in passing \$225,000,000 for farm parity payments over the bitter opposition of the Woodrum economy bloc by the narrow margin of 180 to 175.

In return, promises were received from Rep. Marvin Jones, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Majority Leader Sam Rayburn and Speaker William B. Bankhead that they would use their influence to strike out some of the restrictive provisions in the Woodrum bill.

Edward A. O'Neal, president of the Farm Bureau Federation who was actively involved in the negotiations between rural and urban Congressmen, was also reported to have pledged that he would get behind the drive of the liberal Congressmen to save WPA.

Today's agreement was considered an important development towards

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## House to Get Neutrality Bill Monday

WASHINGTON, June 22 (UP).—The House Rules Committee gave right-of-way to the administration-supported Bloom neutrality bill today, enabling leaders to set next Monday for opening the second major congressional discussion this session of President Roosevelt's entire foreign policy.

The committee, comprising between Democratic and Republican requests, agreed to 10 hours of general debate to be completed in two days. Acting chairman Sol Bloom, D. N. Y., of the Foreign Affairs Committee, author of the measure, sought eight hours, while the Republican minority asked for 12.

Under present plans the measure will be opened to amendments next Wednesday, with passage expected by the end of the week.

## Estimate Board Defends WPA Over Lyons' Protest

Isaacs Resolution Especially Emphasizes Federal  
Theater; Leading Producer, Actors  
Urge Passage of Resolution

By Harry Raymond

The Board of Estimate, over the vigorous protest of James J. Lyons, Bronx Borough President, yesterday adopted a resolution offered by Manhattan Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs asking Congress to delete objection provisions from the Woodrum WPA bill and save the theatre projects, which are threatened with elimination.

## Merchants Fete WPA Workers

One hundred WPA workers are to be feted and dined this afternoon as guests of 125 merchants and property owners who compose the Austin St. Assn. The grateful merchants were so pleased with the speedy and satisfactory job of widening Austin St., "Main St." of Forest Hills that they decided to show their appreciation to the relief workers with a special dinner at Ed Kennedy's Roof Garden, Continental Ave. and Austin St. from 4 to 6 P. M. today.

Leo Ehrenreich, chairman of the Assn., expressed the feelings of all the merchants when he said: "We sure do appreciate what they've done. They are just about the best workers we have seen."

John J. Halleran, Queens Borough Works Commissioner, sitting for Borough President George U. Harvey, cast his vote against the measure.

The vote was taken after Herman Shumlin, producer of "Little Foxes" and secretary of the League of Greater New York Theatres; Philip Loeb, actor and executive council member of Actors Equity; Helen Tamiris, dancer; and Frank Gilmore, president of Actors Equity, urged the Board to act for maintenance of the projects which give employment to 7,000 actors and actresses.

When the matter came up for consideration, Borough President Lyons, who opposed the resolution last week, introduced a substitute

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## Banks Seek to Destroy Us, Say Small Businessmen

WASHINGTON, June 22 (UP).—Charges that "big banks and big business are determined to destroy small business" were made by representatives of 6,000 small businessmen in the New York area yesterday.

They appeared before the Senate Banking and Finance subcommittee which is considering a bill by Senator Mead (D. N. Y.) for loans to small concerns.

Henry Modell, speaking for the Smaller Business Assn. of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, said he suspected that big banks and big business are seeking to crush small business.

"When a small business man goes to a bank for a loan he gets a lecture instead," he said.

He said his belief that "big business has always been friendly to little business" had been "completely changed" after reading "the many editorials and news articles in the leading metropolitan newspapers attacking this bill" and after studying testimony given before the committee by representatives of the American Bankers Assn., who contended that insured loans to smaller firms are unnecessary.

William I. Shuman, representing

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## U.S. Navy Rejects Japanese Ultimatum

Admiral Declares Ships  
Won't Quit Swatow  
at Tokio's Order

SHANGHAI, Friday, June 23

(UP).—The United States and Great Britain today doubled their naval forces in the Japanese-occupied port of Swatow in defiance of Japan's orders and threatened to send other warships through a blockade of Kulangsu, 120 miles up the coast.

WASHINGTON, June 22 (UP).—Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, commander of the U. S. Asiatic Fleet, today rejected a Japanese demand that American warships leave Swatow harbor and insisted on complete freedom of action of U. S. naval vessels in protecting American nationals in China.

Yarnell informed the Japanese that U. S. warships will protect American citizens wherever the need may arise.

He also sent word to Japanese naval officials that their demand for withdrawal of the U. S. destroyer Pillsbury from Swatow had not relieved them from the "alrightest degree of responsibility for damage or injury to American naval vessels or personnel."

The Pillsbury, commanded by Lieut. Commander Alva J. Sprague, a world war veteran who wears two naval decorations, remained at her Swatow station in defiance of the Japanese demands, and a second American destroyer, the U. S. S. Pope, gleaned into the harbor to strengthen the protection of American nationals.

REPORTS TO CHIEF

Yarnell radioed a report on his actions to Admiral William D. Leahy, chief of naval operations, from Chungking, near Tientsin. He said he acted after the Japanese informed him the Japanese navy was beginning operations at Swatow and demanded that foreign nationals and ships evacuate the South Chinese port.

Yarnell's rejection of the demands was transmitted to Japanese au-

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## British Women To Evacuate Swatow Area

Chamberlain 'Views with  
Alarm' but Dodges  
Quiz by Laborite

LONDON, June 22 (UP).—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain today announced in the House of Commons that preparations were underway—with Japanese cooperation—to evacuate all British women and children from the South China port of Swatow.

The Prime Minister said that Britain "views with great concern" the new serious turn in Anglo-Japanese relations.

Philip Noel Baker, Laborite, asked Chamberlain whether he thought that the "Japanese aggressive attacks on foreign rights in China may become an attempt for world domination in the Far East."

"I hope that will not prove to be the case," Chamberlain replied. "The government views with great concern the Japanese act and in the Tientsin case, which is most acute, it is hoped it will be possible by negotiations to reach a settlement locally."

"In case of failure the government is considering what further action should be taken."

Before he appeared in Commons Chamberlain met with army, navy and air force chiefs to consider British policy in relation to the Far Eastern developments.

## Rails, Housing, Farm Aid Included

Self-Liquidating Loans  
Will Purchase Rail,  
Other Equipment

TO AID FARMERS

Foreign Credits to Spur  
Trade and Stimulate  
Business Here

WASHINGTON, June 22 (UP).—President Roosevelt today proposed a new attack on the business recession through a \$3,860,000,000 self-liquidating public works and loan program financed by government-guaranteed bonds.

He outlined the program at a special press conference at which he disclosed that Congressional leaders had been supplied with the details and that he had offered to discuss with them the feasibility of establishing it on a permanent basis.

It calls for federal loans for self-liquidating projects such as toll bridges, rural electrification, housing, tenant-farming, water-works, sewage disposal plants, railroad equipment, hospitals and other municipal projects.

Mr. Roosevelt proposed that returns, that is, repayment of principal and interest on the initial issuance of bonds, be diverted into a "revolving pool" which would be used to finance future projects "when there is need of extra stimulus to employment."

OUTLINES LOANS

Mr. Roosevelt outlined six categories of loans which would be made under the plan. These were:

1. Non-federal public works of self-liquidating type such as water-works, sewage disposal, bridges, hospitals, etc. A two-year program in which \$150,000,000 would be disbursed in the next fiscal year.
2. Express-post roads self-liquidating on a toll basis, bridges, high-speed highways, city by-passes. A four year \$750,000,000 program of which \$150,000,000 would be loaned in the next fiscal year.
3. Railroad program under which equipment would be purchased and leased to the hand hit carriers at a rate returning the cost to the government but giving the railroads permission to buy the equipment outright. A three-year \$500,000,000 program of which \$100,000,000 would be loaned in the next fiscal year.
4. Expansion of the rural electrification program to reach a maximum of 1,250,000 farm families not now enjoying electricity. A seven-year \$460,000,000 program of which \$200,000,000 would be expended in the next fiscal year.
5. Expansion of farm-security loans on a self-liquidating basis with loans for farm purchases, repairs, water facilities, etc. A two-year \$300,000,000 program of which \$250,000,000 would be loaned in the next fiscal year.
6. Extension of short and long term loans to foreign governments to promote U. S. foreign trade, proceeds to be spent in the United States. A two-year \$500,000,000 program of which \$200,000,000 would be loaned in the next fiscal year.

URGES MORE HOUSING AID

Supplementing the foregoing the President suggested expansion of the U. S. Housing Authority low-cost housing and slum-clearance programs through extending the borrowing authority by \$800,000,000. Legislation to accomplish this is pending in Congress.

He emphasized that the program would in no way compete with private business but rather should stimulate it, and that it could be launched with little or no cost to the taxpayers.

Of the total outlay \$870,000,000 would be loaned during the 1940 fiscal year which starts July 1. The remainder would be disbursed over

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# POLISH UNIONS URGE INT'L LABOR UNITY

Federation Gives Standing Ovation—French Delegates Back Move

PARIS, June 22 (ICN).—Polish trade union support for international trade union unity was enthusiastically shown when the Polish Federation of Factory Workers, 38,000-strong, held its annual Congress in Cracow.

Faced with the prospect of world working class strength, which can result from the entry of the Soviet trade unions into the International Federation of Trade Unions at the forthcoming Zurich Congress of the I.F.T.U., the delegates rose to their feet singing the International.

Powerful fraternal speeches by representatives of the French C.G.T., who revealed that the French trade unions have already mandated their delegates to Zurich to pose the issue, were greeted with tremendous applause.

"We have retained a profound impression of the desire of the Polish masses for international unity, agreement with the Soviet Union and an end to anti-Communist struggle," stated the members of the French delegation on their return.

Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Belgian and Dutch Federations were also represented at the Polish Congress.

More than 10,000 Polish workers attended a meeting organized during the Congress by the Social Democratic Party at which all the fraternal delegates, including the Belgian, Fassin, emphasized the necessity of joint resistance to fascism.

## 1,000 Japanese Troops Disarmed—Opposed War

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)  
CHUNGKING, China, June 22.—Chinese newspapers today reported that Japanese military police have just disarmed more than 1,000 Japanese soldiers of the Hankow garrison on charges of opposing the war of invasion in China.

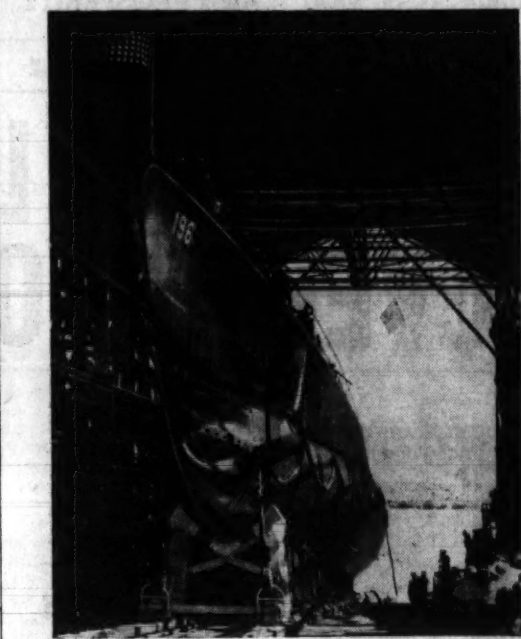
## Swatow's Fall Hurts Britain, Not China-Koo

PARIS, June 22 (UP).—Dr. Wellington Koo, China's principal diplomatic representative in Europe, said today in an interview with the United Press that the capture of Swatow by Japan would not have any material effect on the Sino-Japanese war.

"Only a relatively small quantity of supplies entered through that port," he said. "The city's fall has not brought the Japanese any nearer their objective, which is to win the war in European style. Japanese victories sound well on paper but, faithful to their guerrilla tactics, Chinese ability to prolong the war indefinitely and wear down their enemies has not been impaired. The Japanese European style war cannot succeed in the long run because there is no well-defined front and fighting is going on in and around all areas where Japanese are stationed."

Asked what significance he thought the Japanese attached to Swatow's capture, Koo replied: "The action against the port is unquestionably a preliminary to action against (British) Hong Kong whenever the Japanese consider that the psychological moment has arrived."

## New Sub Is Launched



ANOTHER SUBMARINE IS ADDED TO THE UNITED STATES FLEET: The Sea Raven, similar in most respects to the ill-fated Squalus, sliding down the ways at the Portsmouth, N. H., Navy Yard, after being christened by Mrs. Cyrus W. Cole, wife of the Rear Admiral commanding the yard.

## U. S. Will Fight Attack on Canada, Conference Told

CANTON, N. Y., June 22.—Ringing assertions that this nation will fight if Canada is threatened were left today with a Canadian-American conference by Major-Gen. John F. O'Ryan, world war commander of the Fighting Twenty-seventh, and Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah.

"An attack on Canada, from a strategic viewpoint, is an attack upon the United States," Gen. O'Ryan told political scientists from both sides of the Canadian border assembled by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Senator Thomas declared "Defense of Canada from attack on the Pacific is a fundamental concern of the United States" and added:

"If you want to know what America will fight for and when, you can put it quite simply, America will find herself in war the moment the Atlantic no longer is in the hands of friends."

## Goebbels Tells Britain to Stay Out of 'Sphere'

BERLIN, June 22 (UP).—Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels, in a speech at the Olympic Stadium last night, ordered Great Britain to stay out of Central Europe which, he said, was Nazi Germany's sphere of interest.

"Britain should stick to the Arabs and Palestine," he said. "The problem at hand is to solve the question of the Polish Corridor and Danzig as soon as possible. We have vital rights which can not be minimized. We have one aim—to get back all that of which history cheated us."

## Welding Eliminates Noise and Also Many Jobs in British Shipyards Along the Clyde

This is the sixth of a series of articles by Art Shields based on his observations in the British Isles on his return as the Daily Worker's correspondent in Spain.

By Art Shields

Chamberlain's battleship building goes on very quietly on the banks of the Scottish Clyde. I hardly knew I was in a shipyard when I visited the big yards where the 35,000-ton sea giant, the H.M.S. Beatty, is rearing its prow.

Gone was the din of the rivet guns of the war-time shipyards I worked in along the Kill Van Kull and Puget Sound. Welding has cut out most of the noise and 30 per cent of the job at the same time. I saw a young welder doing the work that five men used to do on a section of flooring. His electric torch cut manholes and glued pieces of steel together quickly. And other welders told me would soon fit the piece into the body of the ship. Ten, fifteen and fifty ton sections are welded together in the shops and the lifted into place by cranes. Almost every part of the ship except the outside hull is an all-welded job.

Welding came in with rearmament three and four years ago. It came after other improvements had displaced one man out of two. As a result rearmament didn't put nearly as many shipyard workers

## Survivor Tells of Faulty Valve in Sub Tragedy

Naval Architect Urges Change of Design at Sinking Inquiry

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., June 22 (UP).—A naval architect, the only civilian survivor of the Squalus disaster, recommended today that the design of the main engine induction valve—supposed cause of the sinking—be changed on all submarines in the navy.

Harold C. Preble of Portsmouth, who has participated in official tests on 25 to 27 submarines during his 22 years at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, told a naval court of inquiry that he believed submarines should be equipped with remote control.

Preble said the rescue of the 33 men by diving bell was "the most efficient piece of engineering that ever happened in this world."

"Do you believe the hull valves and other engine valves are of poor design for an emergency?" asked Captain William R. Munroe of the four-man court.

"Up to the time the Squalus sank I thought they were pretty good. Now I know that they are not. I know we can improve the design of the valves," Preble replied.

Electrician's mate Lloyd B. Maness of Greensboro, N. C., who slammed shut the water-tight door between the control room and the after battery compartment, thus saving his own and 32 other lives, said the first he knew of the disaster was when the lights failed.

A voice from the dead, meantime, brought new confirmation of the theory that a faulty main engine induction valve caused the disaster.

Machinist's mate Allen C. Bryson of Greenville, S. C., told a naval board of inquiry that, from his station in the forward battery room, he heard a "hazy voice" say over the ship's telephone:

"Take her up. The induction is open."

Ten yards have been closed since the National Shipbuilding Securities Corp. the trust, began buying yards to close them down the way Frank Munsey used to buy newspapers to kill them.

"See that vacant beach," said an unemployed ship's boilermaker to me. "Henderson's shipyard used to stand there, with 1,300 men at work."

And down the river he showed me a huge, modern shipyard, Harland and Wolff's, with nine berths for big ships and a big tidal wall.

"No ships have been built there since January," he said.

The Trust concentrates all the work in fewer yards, saving labor and costs.

And Sir James Lithgow, the head of the shipyard-killing firm, gets no cheers from the men on the Clyde.

You meet grand old men on the premier shipyard river. Though

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Admiral Declares Ships Won't Quit Swatow at Tokio's Order

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thorities by Clarence E. Gauss, U. S. consul general at Shanghai.

He reported that his statement of policy as transmitted to Gauss said:

"With reference to the communications of the Japanese consul general containing notification that the Japanese navy will begin operations at Swatow and warning nationals and vessels of third powers to evacuate, please inform the Japanese consul general and request that he inform the senior Japanese naval authorities that the paramount duty of United States naval vessels is the protection of American citizens and they will go wherever it is necessary at any time to carry out that mission and they will remain in such place as long as American citizens are in need of protection or assistance."

"Every effort will be made to avoid interference with Japanese operations consistent with the above mission. The commander in chief (Yarnell) cannot accept the statement that the Japanese authorities cannot take any responsibility for damages incurred if vessels are not withdrawn. It is not considered that this warning relieves the Japanese authorities in the slightest degree of responsibility for damage or injury to United States naval vessels or personnel."

Naval authorities here emphasized that Yarnell's pronouncement is a direct reiteration of the policy he enunciated in 1937, declaring that American warships have the right and will continue to protect the interests of American citizens whenever and wherever necessary.

Yarnell has 41 warships under his command in the Asiatic fleet, ranging from the heavy cruiser Augusta, flagship, to tiny gunboats.

In addition to the Augusta which is now at Chingwangtao, he has another cruiser, the Marblehead, at Tsingtao, and the gunboat Asheville at Hong Kong. The fleet includes 14 destroyers, seven gunboats, eight submarines, and nine auxiliaries such as tenders, mine sweepers and small craft.

Some of the gunboats are assigned to the Yangtze River and South China patrols. Other portions of the fleet are stationed at Amoy, Hong Kong, Canton, Chefoo and Shanghai.

Whitney Young, U. S. counsel general at Swatow reported to the state department that at 9 A. M. all American nationals in the area were safe.

He said some street fighting occurred as the Japanese occupied the treaty port, but he had no reports of molestation of any American nationals.

There are 48 American nationals in Swatow including 23 men, 21 women and 4 children. Most of the adults are engaged either in missionary work or are connected with the linen embroidery industry. There are three U. S. missions at Swatow, offices of two oil companies and six linen embroidery firms.

State department reports from Tientsin indicated there was no material change in the situation there. Some fresh beef and fresh vegetables are now being trucked into the concession, the reports stated. These supplies amount to about one fifth of the normal supply of beef and two thirds of normal supply of fresh vegetables.



CLARA ZETKIN

## Moscow Holds Memorial for Clara Zetkin

Manuisky Analyzes World Crisis in Ceremony

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, June 22.—A meeting in memory of Clara Zetkin, famed German woman Communist leader, was held Tuesday night in the Gorky Central Park of Culture and Rest.

D. Z. Manuisky, Secretary of the Communist International, was the main speaker. He paid tribute to the revolutionary activity of Clara Zetkin and gave a profound analysis of the international situation.

He was followed by the Spanish anti-fascist writer, Asevedo, and a representative of the Communist Party of Germany.

## House Sends Senate FDR Air Fund Bill

WASHINGTON, June 22 (UP).—The House today approved and sent to the Senate President Roosevelt's request for \$292,000,000 in supplemental war department funds to purchase 2,290 new combat planes in 1940, reversing yesterday's action which had cut by more than half the proposed number of fighting craft.

Approval of the measure, which also carries funds for strengthening Panama Canal fortifications and placing of so-called "educational orders" with private firms as a war-preparedness step, was by voice vote.

## Windsors In Secret Dinner At Nazi Embassy

PARIS, June 22 (UP).—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor dined tonight at the German embassy in such secrecy that Nazi Ambassador Count Johannes von Welzbeck refused even to publish the usual list of guests.

Despite the unusual secrecy attached to tonight's dinner, cameramen lurked outside the embassy gates and set off their flash bulbs as the sumptuously garbed Dukes entered.

The Duke, who will be 45 tomorrow, revealed through members of his entourage today that he will make no decision either to visit the United States or return to England until he talks by telephone to his brother and successor on the throne, King George VI.

## FIGHTING ON SOUTH CHINA FRONT RESUMED NEAR CANTON

## French Police Slap 3 Mac-Pap Vets Back Into Prison Camp

Men Had Been Released; Excuse Given That Maintenance Bill at Rest Camp Had Not Been Paid

By Sam Russell  
(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

PARIS, June 22.—Three Canadian volunteers who fought for the Government in Spain were sent back to a concentration camp at Gurs Tuesday night after French police raided a special camp set up by the Friends of the Lincoln and Mackenzie-Papineau Brigades in Le Havre.

The three men are George Takacs, Alexander Salenko and Stephen Polich. They were the last to be released from the concentration camps a month ago at the request of the Canadian Legation.

While the cases were being considered by the Canadian Government, the men were resting at a special camp at Parc de la Hève in Le Havre, established some months ago for American and Canadian volunteers awaiting re-entry papers from Washington and Ottawa.

## RAID FOR MONEY

The excuse given by the police for the raid on the camp was that there had been a slight delay in payment of last week's maintenance bill.

Representatives of the two aid organizations fear that similar action against the remaining 83 men in Le Havre may soon follow. Likewise it is feared that the raid may be a sign that the French police wish to return all American and Canadian veterans to the barbed-wire enclosures of the Gurs concentration camp.

Veterans here are contrasting the unusual delay in checking the cases in Washington and Ottawa with the action of the British government, which announced yesterday that it was willing to grant a British visa to 97 German and Austrian veterans held in Franco jails.

The British government action, resulting from the vigorous efforts of the British veterans, contrasts with the lack of success of attempts to get the Swedish government to take veterans unable to return to the fascist countries, despite an appeal by Socialist leader Leon Blum during a recent visit to Sweden.

American veterans here point out that the French authorities have so far allowed them provisional liberty in Le Havre while re-entry applications were being checked. "We have done nothing for which this liberty should be taken from us nor for which we should be returned to the hell of the concentration camps," they said.

The Friends of the Lincoln and Mackenzie-Papineau battalions have requested that all organizations interested in the fate of these veterans should urge the French government to allow them liberty until asylum is found.

Financial aid is urgently needed in order not to give the police further excuses to send other men back to the concentration camps.

## Small Scale Battles Show Renewal of Activity There

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)  
CHUNGKING, China, June 22.—Small-scale fighting has been resumed north of Canton, on the South China front, the War Office announced today.

A Japanese detachment of 500 men were cut off from their own base when they attacked Hwarlan, and are now surrounded by Chinese forces.

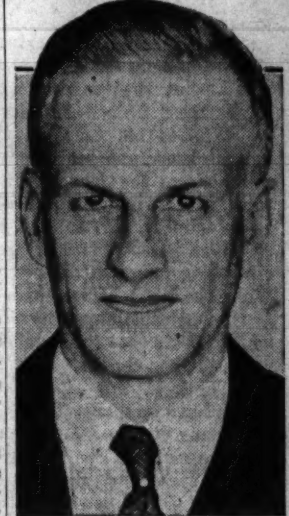
On Hainan island, off the South China coast, Chinese self-defense detachments are actively combating the Japanese forces of occupation. A Japanese unit of 200 men lost half of its effectiveness in a recent battle with one of the self-defense groups on the western shores of Hainan.

According to War Office figures, during the last ten days of May, Japanese sent 14,050 urns containing ashes of Japanese soldiers killed in North China to Tientsin and Manchuria.

In addition, 4,600 wounded soldiers were transported to Tientsin for hospitalization.

In Shanghai there are about 50,000 wounded Japanese soldiers in hospitals.

## Protests to Tokio



John K. Caldwell, United States consul general in Tientsin, who delivered the United States formal protests to Japanese Consul General Shigenori Tashiro in Tientsin against danger to American lives and property.

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# Los Angeles C.I.O. Unanimously Urges F.D.R. Run for 3rd Term

## Council Calls For New Deal Continuation

CIO Cites Tory Threat to Social, Labor Laws in Urging Third Term

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
LOS ANGELES, June 22.—In a unanimously approved motion, the Los Angeles CIO Industrial Council sent President Roosevelt a resolution urging him to run for a third term.

Meeting in their weekly council, the CIO went on record as strongly urging the third term in view of the reactionary attacks on the President's progressive policies.

Copies of the resolution were sent to the President and to the National and State Executive Committees of the Democratic party. It was signed by Phillip "Slim" Connelly, secretary of the council.

Asking continuance of his policies,

## Organize 3rd Term Group for FDR in Chicago

CHICAGO, June 22.—A newly created organization known as the Third Termers of Chicago opened headquarters here today with the announced objective of drafting President Roosevelt for a third term.

Municipal Judge John Guiknecht, president of the National Lawyers Guild, was selected chairman.

Judge Guiknecht left for Washington last night to confer with Democratic officials. In a formal statement he said an active campaign would be started by the organization and that "we are confident that the call from the people for Roosevelt will be so overwhelming that the President will not, cannot, let personal considerations restrain the self-sacrifice inherent in its acceptance."

both on the international and national field, the council pointed to the passage of the social security measures and wages and hours legislation as acts which must be safeguarded from tory attacks.

Points stressed by the council were: the improvement of conditions of the workers through the establishment of the Wagner Labor Relations Act and the National Labor Relations Board, together with the Minimum Wage and Hour Law. The alleviation of distress among the unemployed by the inauguration of the Works Program Administration and other governmental projects designed to take up the slack of enforced idleness, was another point in the resolution.

It urged further support of the President's farm policy as a partial solution to the agricultural crisis and the inauguration of a system of credit to enable small merchants and business people to receive credit otherwise unobtainable through ordinary banking channels.

The Robert Raven Branch of the Young Communist League extends deep sympathy and condolence to the mother and family on the loss of their beloved son

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## Legislature In Special Sessions Today

Lehman to Resubmit Full Budget Seen; Education Slash Major Issue

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him on his court victory, the Governor declared that the illegal action of the GOP had made the Special Session a problem of primary importance and immediate urgency. "To me it is entirely inexplicable that men and organizations who have so frequently given expression to their belief in the necessity of preserving Government procedure within the Constitution should have been willing to sacrifice that principle for the sake of convenience or expediency," he declared.

**REPUBLICAN TRICKERY**

Meanwhile, Republican legislative leaders are casting about for a tricky formula to legalize their drastic department cuts without actually specifying what services must be curtailed and what salaries cut.

In great favor with the GOP "Brain Trust" is a plan to restore the Governor's items and then cut the total appropriation by 10 per cent. The reduction would be labelled "savings."

This buck-passing device is of dubious legality and was sharply criticized by members of the Court of Appeals in the course of the court test.

Governor Lehman, in an effort to head off just such questionable procedure, has offered to meet with Republican legislators to discuss constitutional methods.

The attitude of the GOP toward the session may be summed up as "cut and run." The leaders are anxious to wield the knife legally and then adjourn before the full force of the popular storm breaks.

**EDUCATION MAJOR ISSUE**

While early arrivals at the State Capitol were most concerned with the constitutional aspect of the budget fight, people throughout the State gave evidence that they were most interested in restoring full State aid for education.

Last night an Albany mass meeting sponsored by A. F. of L. and CIO unions demanded that the Special Session give precedence to this question.

In Buffalo, Leo Logan, vice-president of the Buffalo Federation of Labor, asserted that cuts in teachers' salaries was a signal for a concerted drive against wages.

In an address over a Newburgh radio station, Edward B. Davis, director of adult education in four up-state counties, warned that a 10 per cent cut in education would either wreck the up-state school system or increase local school taxes by 20 to 100 per cent.

**DELEGATIONS FROM CITY**

Faced with the loss of kindergartens, evening classes and other vital educational services, representatives of New York City parents and teachers plan to come to Albany tomorrow. The United Parents Association has announced that it will bring 100,000 petitions. A delegation from the Kings County Communist Party, headed by Peter V. Cacchione, a candidate for the City Council, left 35,000 petitions.

The New York State Federation of Teachers Unions has announced that it is conducting a vigorous up-state drive against the school cuts and will circulate every member of the Legislature with material urging that the cuts be rescinded.

## CIO Wins Strike At Jersey City Perfume Firm

JERSEY CITY, June 22.—The CIO today scored another victory in Jersey City with settlement of the four day strike of 60 workers at Joubert Cie, manufacturers of perfumes and powders.

The strike which brought all workers out solidly Monday resulted from the dismissal of one of the active members of the United Mine Workers, District 50, the union's chemical division. She was reinstated today. The union has a closed shop agreement with the company.

## Milk Co-Op Ready to Pay Users, Farmers Dividend

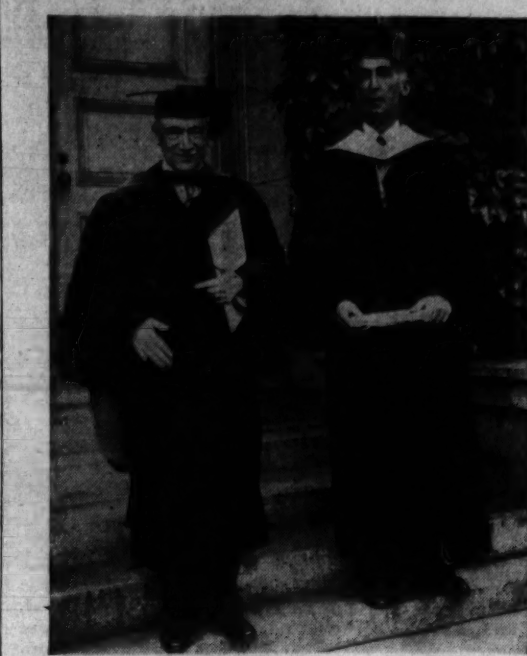
The Consumer-Farmer Milk Cooperative announced its first dividend at a semi-annual membership meeting last night.

The dividend sum is \$4,000, accumulated during the first nine months of the cooperative's existence. Officials said farmers who supply the milk will receive a return of approximately \$1,300 and that the consumers will get the remainder.

The dividends will not be paid until after Sept. 1, when final computations are completed.

Meyer Parodneck, cooperative president, said that the organization had been "consistently in the black."

## Yale Honors Dr. Benes



Dr. Eduard Benes, the last President of democratic Czechoslovakia, is not without honor in democratic America. He is shown here (left) after receiving the degree of Doctor of Laws at Yale University. With him is Prof. Arnold Wolfers, professor of international relations.

## School Aid Demand To Be Mapped Monday

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legislators urging them to save the State's public school system.

Thomas J. Lyons, president of the AFL Central Trades and Labor Council of New York City, representing 750,000 members, wired the Republican legislators to restore the educational cuts.

**FAKE PRESSURE**

"Economies taken out of the hides of the children of workers are monstrous," Lyons said. The AFL organization also announced that scores of A. F. of L. unions in the city have already registered directly a vigorous protest against the cut in State aid in messages to Hanley and Ives.

Lyons charged that "certain groups, labeling themselves taxpayers are seeking, through fake and vicious propaganda, to undermine public schools, in complete disregard of the obvious truth that members of organized labor constitute one of the largest taxpaying units in the community."

The United Parents Association, through President Wheeler B. Preston and Mrs. Jacob M. Schesta, chairman of the executive board, took 100,000 petitions to Albany for presentation today to Hanley and Ives demanding that the special session restore the cuts. They will report on their conference over Station WQXR at 9 P.M.

The American Labor Party made public telegrams sent to Governor Lehman and to Republican leaders by Alex Rose, state secretary, urging reconsideration of the educational cuts.

The Republican leaders Hanley, Ives and Abbot Low Moffat, chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, were called upon by Rose to live up to "Republican platform adopted last fall pledging full state aid to education."

**CITIZENS RESPOND**  
Forty-four prominent citizens not directly connected with the public school system yesterday joined as sponsors of the Emergency Committee to Save Our Children's Schools in signing a telegram to the Governor to place education on the special session agenda.

"No financial crisis confronts the State of New York," the telegram read. "Economy measures such as this cut in the educational budget are political maneuver. They outrage the common sense of all who recognize that the maintenance and extension of social services is the surest defense of democracy."

Church leaders, settlement house heads, college presidents, consumer organization heads, writers, artists, CIO and AFL union leaders, were among the signers of the telegram. The committee announced that it was sponsoring meetings throughout the city and extending its activities to embrace communities throughout the state to force restoration of the cut.

**MAYOR WIRES**  
Mayor LaGuardia, earlier, wired Governor Lehman a strongly worded

telegram, urging inclusion of education in the message to the legislature.

"I am sure you will agree that it is unfair and impossible for New York City to administer education if we must meet standards and salaries fixed by laws conditioned upon state contributions if the state arbitrarily reduces its contributions," the Mayor wired.

Board of Education Commissioner Johanna M. Lindoff, who is also president of the Kindergarten-6B Teachers Association, was to have conferred with the Governor yesterday to plead to placing education on the agenda for the special session.

"It is unthinkable," she said, "that there can be any difference of opinion on the need for restoring full state aid. The effects of the reductions have been adequately presented to the people by the Board of Education."

The "Save Our Schools Committee of Lower Harlem" announced a parade tonight at 6 P. M. starting from 111th St. and Fifth Ave. to demonstration against the Republican slashes in state aid.

## Banks Aim to Destroy Small Business, Merchants Charge

### Busch Jewelry Firm Facing Labor Charge

Anti-Labor Store Set for Trial Before State Board

The anti-labor policies of the Busch State Labor Relations Board Busch Jewelry Co. were under fire again yesterday when the State Labor Relations Board issued a complaint accusing the company of engaging in unfair labor practices.

The complaint charges that the company, and its two affiliates, the Busch Credit Jewelry Co. and Klark Kredit Klothies, fostered a company union, discriminated against union employees, discouraged membership in the Retail Employees Union, Local 339, CIO and refused to discuss the workers' grievances with the union.

The Labor Board complaint, on which a hearing will be held July 6, follows more than a year's dispute between the union and the company, which was marked by the firm obtaining a drastic anti-picketing injunction last summer from Supreme Court Justice Salvatore A. Cottillo. The injunction is now being appealed.

The Cottillo injunction aroused a storm of protest from AFL and CIO unions, which charged that the restraining order was in violation of the State Anti-Injunction Act.

### Sunday Designated Young Citizenship Day

A mayoral proclamation was issued yesterday designating next Sunday "Young Citizenship Day," saying that the blessing of democracy in America depends today and tomorrow on the young people who are entering upon citizenship, and asking all persons to welcome to their new estate those who this year will exercise the suffrage for the first time.

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## Representatives of 6,000 Small Businessmen of Metropolitan Area Lash Big Business at Senate Committee Hearing on Mead Bill

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the American Federation of Small Businessmen, said the banks have lost contact with the needs of the small businessman.

Supporting Mr. Shuman, Mr. Modell said that "banking is being done today on the chain store system, lacking the personal touch." "Character loans no longer exist," he said. "A merchant's background, his record of earnings and good management count for very little when it comes to granting a loan."

Small businessmen, he said, "must go through the third degree" to get a loan.

George A. Gottlieb, secretary of the smaller business association, said that when the organization opened its offices in a New York hotel in March, 1938, the crowd of small businessmen who sought help in applying for loans disrupted hotel service.

Out of 6,000 applications, Mr. Gottlieb said, 248 were selected which were approved by Dun and Bradstreet and sent to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. All were rejected, he said.

The banks are at present one of

the poorest sources of small, long term business loans, Rolf Nugent, economist for the Russell Sage Foundation, told the committee. They borrow \$75,000,000 a year, he said, from industrial banking companies which charge interest rates of 12 to 30 per cent; from regulated small loan companies charging 24 to 42 per cent; from personal loan departments of banks at 7 to 20 per cent; from credit unions at 10 to 18 per cent, and from pawnbrokers at 8 to 80 per cent.



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# New Jersey Labor League Warns of Havoc to State in W.P.A. Slash

## Radio Artists Plead To Save Arts Projects

Contributions of Federal Theater Hailed by Writers and Actors; CIO Social Workers Join in Protest

PATERSON, N. J., June 22.—Labor's Non-Partisan League of New Jersey today informed Senator W. Warren Barbour that passage of the House relief bill would kill WPA and plunge thousands of citizens into unemployment and misery. The League asked Senator Barbour to vote against the House bill and for the Casey-Murray bill.

The waiters and waitresses Union Local 1, AFL and the Retail Dry Goods Employees Union, Local 1102, CIO, also joined in the opposition to the Woodrum bill. Both unions urged defeat of the restrictions in the Woodrum measure and passage of the Casey-Murray bill providing 3,000,000 jobs for the unemployed.

### RADIO ARTISTS PROTESTS SLASH OF ART PROJECTS

The American Federation of Radio Artists, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, numbering 8,000 ranking radio performers, of which Eddie Cantor is president, sent two telegrams to Washington yesterday urging continuation of the Federal Arts Projects.

The telegrams signed by Emily Holt, national executive secretary, and George Heller, national treasurer, and representing the entire broadcasting contingent, were sent to Senator Edward Taylor, chairman of the House of Representatives, and Senator Alva Adams, chairman of the sub-committee of the Senate Appropriations.

A coast-to-coast broadcast embracing both Hollywood and New York air performers is now being arranged which will present the Federal Arts projects to a nationwide audience. Lucille Gleason, member of the Screen Actors Guild Board is arranging details of the West Coast portion of the broadcast.

### CIO SOCIAL WORKERS HIT RELIEF CUTS

Letters condemning the 1940 Relief Appropriations Bill, now before the Senate, were sent yesterday to all senators by the Social Service Employees Union, Local 19 of the United Office and Professional Workers of America. The union pointed out that the proposed appropriation would throw out of work one million people and that neither private industry nor

local relief agencies are equipped to absorb these added numbers.

The proposed abandonment of the prevailing rate of wages for WPA workers was described by the union as a threat to the entire country, inasmuch as it would lower wages generally, thus causing a further contraction of purchasing power and another financial crisis, the union charged.

### NOTED ARTISTS HAIL FEDERAL THEATRE PROJECT

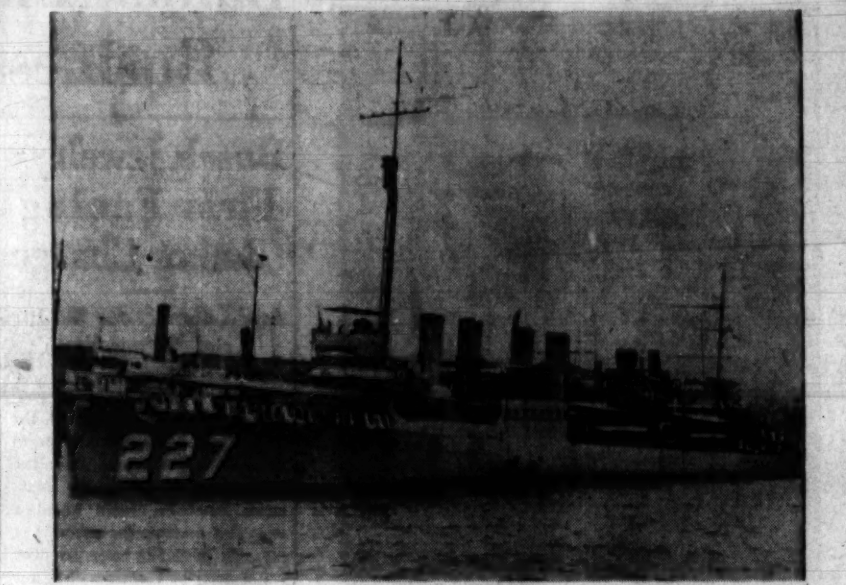
The Federal Theatre Project of the Works Progress Administration is "the outstanding theatre of our time," according to a statement signed by more than 70 outstanding authors, teachers, artists, actors, publishers and social workers, made public yesterday by Ann Wharton, New York Field Representative of the United Federal Workers of America.

Urging Congress to continue the project, the statement bears the signature of John Murray, playwright, Jean Muir, actress, Dashiell Hammett, author, Lillian Robbins, head worker of Hamilton House, MacMathews, head worker of Hardy House, Syd Hoff, cartoonist, Alain Locke, professor of Howard University, Geo. E. O'Dell, editor, Ray Schwartz, executive director of the Y. W. H. A., Richard Storrs Childs, president of Modern Age Books, Carol H. Woodward, editor of the Journal of the New York Botanical Garden, Ada E. Green, executive director of the Neighborhood House, Adah C. Husey, associate director of the Community House, Marc Biltzstein, playwright, Sam Jaffe, actor, Langston Hughes, author, and many others.

Pointing out the many stage hits of the theatre project the statement emphasizes the tremendous cultural loss the country would suffer if the theatre project is dissolved.

"The 8,000 national employed Federal Theatre workers—workers that have brought plays to audiences amounting to millions," it says, "constitute less than one half of one per cent of total WPA."

## U. S. DESTROYER IN SWATOW



U. S. WARSHIP ORDERED TO LEAVE SWATOW BY THE JAPANESE: The destroyer Pillsbury, which, with the British destroyer Thane, guarding the interests of their nations in the newly captured seaport on the South China coast, has been ordered out of the harbor by the Japanese naval commander. The demand was rejected.

## Estimate Body F.D.R. Plans 4 Billion For Recovery Program

Isaacs Resolution Especially Emphasizing Federal Theater; Leading Producer, Actors Urge Passage of Bill

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periods ranging from two to seven years.

He said that the program would be in addition to all other lending and relief projects already budgeted. He also stressed that the funds would be raised through government-guaranteed bonds, rather than treasury obligations which are a direct charge on the federal budget.

The Chief Executive announced the plan in a letter to Sen. James F. Byrnes, D. S. C., in response to one asking whether he approved recent House action in earmarking \$125,000,000 of the \$1,735,000,000 1940 relief bill for use by the Public Works Administration.

"I am opposed to this provision," Mr. Roosevelt said. "It means simply that 165,000 men who are badly in need of work will have to be dropped from the WPA rolls; men who in the great majority of cases are the sole support of families whose subsistence depends on this slender income. What will happen to most of these men is that they will be forced onto already over-burdened direct relief rolls of cities, towns and counties, or, if these are insufficient to care for them, onto private charity."

Mr. Roosevelt said in his letter that he was sending copies to Doughton and other chairmen and fiscal experts charged with steering such legislation through Congress.

"If you think well of such a program as I have outlined," he said, "I shall be glad to confer with you and your colleagues and with members of the House of Representatives."

He noted that supplementary legislation would be required to give effect to the program and Byrnes said that it probably would be made a part of the regular relief bill.

The President said that "the

great majority of the people have come to realize that there are certain types of public improvements which should be undertaken at times when there is need of stimulus to employment."

"At such times," he added, "the federal government should furnish funds for projects of this kind at a low interest rate, it being clearly understood that the projects themselves shall be self-liquidating and of such a nature as to furnish a maximum of employment per dollar of investment."

"There seems to be no reason why there should not be adopted as a permanent policy of the government the development and maintenance of a revolving fund fed from the earnings of these government investments and used to finance new projects at times when there is need of extra stimulus to employment."

"Such times will recur in the future, as they have in the past, and there will always be need for public facilities and improvements in our natural resources which can be most profitably met by the use at times of greatest need of employment of the accumulated receipts of such a revolving fund."

He said that before drafting the program he canvassed various federal agencies to find projects which will meet the public need—"projects that can be put under way quickly, and, of great importance, will be self-liquidating."

All, he observed, can be financed through issuance of guaranteed securities by the agencies with good prospect of repayment through earnings.

The President and his fiscal aides have had the program under consideration for some time. They are dissatisfied with the progress of business recovery, which has slumped sharply below 1938 estimates.

When Mr. Roosevelt said he spoke for actors from all over the nation, President Lyons asked if such luminaries as Eddie Cantor and Sophie Tucker belonged to the Equity.

"They certainly do," replied Gilmore. "And in speaking for them I wish to point out that WPA has been a life saver of the theatre."

Mr. Loeb, also speaking for Equity, said his organization wanted the theatre project continued "because it gives our members jobs."

"We know," said the tall, beautiful Tamiris, her eyes flashing with anger. "We know there is no such thing for unemployed artists and actors as jobs in private industry."

Earlier the Board approved of a series of six tax laws passed by the City Council to raise \$70,000,000 for local unemployment relief for the 1939-40 fiscal year.

With Borough President Lyons and Queens Works Commissioner voting in favor of the proposition, the Board defeated a proposition to increase the retirement pension of former Tammany Commissioner by 50 per cent.

## Statewide Parley to Launch Drive Of Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 22.—The opening gun in the campaign to win the elections in 1940 was set off by Minnesota's Farmer-Laborites in a statewide educational conference held in Minneapolis over the week-end.

The conference was aimed especially at mobilizing forces by bringing in the delegates from the Farmer-Labor clubs in the out-state sections, rather than the cities, and approximately 500 of them came from every section of the state, all of them apparently being full of confidence and anxious to get to work on the task of routing out of office the inner circle of Republican leaders now dominating Minnesota's state house.

The large and widespread representation of delegates surprised even the sponsors of the conference, because farmers were in the midst of haying, and police had been sent to all F-L clubs that the conference would not take up any organizational questions and would not adopt any final program, but would merely hear and discuss various proposals, preparatory to a statewide educational campaign within the Farmer-Labor Association.

After listening the outstanding concrete accomplishments by the F-L party in office, as contrasted with the outstanding failures of the Republicans under Stassen, Peterson said that these good laws had been placed on the state's law books by the Farmer-Laborites not because they had all the good people and the other side all the bad ones, since there are good and bad in all groups and parties.

Rather, he said, the explanation lies in the fact that "we have a Farmer-Labor base, namely, the great numbers of farmers and working people who long ago revolted against the continued development in this country of an economic royalty to stand between the people and the full and free use of their land and its institutions for the production of abundance."

He warned Farmer-Laborites not to forsake this Farmer-Labor base in an effort to get back into office. "Desert this base," he said, "and you are lost... because when the people turn to us, they want a Farmer-Labor program, and they don't want just some more of what the other side gives them."

Peterson then called upon all members of the party to "stop licking their wounds from the last campaign, and get down to work." He urged that they concentrate on helping the people to win a program of progressive legislation, rather than on issues of individual personalities or factional groups.

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## LaGuardia Unites Farm, City Congressmen to Save WPA

His Initiative Brings Passage of Parity Pay for Farmers

(Continued from Page 1)

eliminating the friction between farm and city Congressmen which has been used by Rep. Clifton Woodrum and other leaders of the economy bloc to knife the demands of both groups.

Farm bloc votes in the House will be crucial should the Senate approve amendments eliminating some of the worst features in the Woodrum bill as now seems likely.

In that case, the House will have to vote on a conference report by House and Senate Appropriations Committee and the fight between New Dealers and the Tory Democratic-Republican coalition will break out anew on the floor.

Rep. Vito Marcantonio, A.L.P. of New York who was an active participant in the successful conferences, remarked jubilantly:

"This is another step for Farmer-Labor unity against the Woodrum-Taber coalition."

Referring to Woodrum's youthful ambitions to be a crooner, the Labor Congressman smiled and said: "The frustrated crooner has met his first defeat, and there are more to come."

This afternoon's dramatic development took place as pressure on the Senate Appropriations Committee to strike out the worst features of the Woodrum bill reached a climax.

Mayor LaGuardia as president of the United States Conference of Mayors headed a delegation which appeared before the committee to demand a number of important changes including elimination of the \$40,000 restriction on construction projects and the 18 month "furlough" provision, continuation of the Arts Projects on the present basis, and restoration to WPA of the \$125,000,000 earmarked for PWA.

An increase in the inadequate \$1,477,000,000 WPA grant so as to provide for 3,000,000 jobs was also reported to have been requested by the mayors.

Other mayors who accompanied LaGuardia included Harold Burton of Cleveland and Maurice Tobin of Boston.

### LESSER TESTIFIES

Later in the day David Lesser, president of the Workers Alliance, Ralph Hetzel, CIO unemployment director, and George Edwards, welfare director of the United Automobile Workers, testified on behalf of the Casey-Murray bill to appropriate \$2,250,000,000 for 3,000,000 jobs.

The small committee ante-room was crowded throughout the day with representatives of A. F. of L. Building Trade Unions seeking restoration of the prevailing wage provisions and with representatives of the Federation of Arts Union which is fighting to save the Arts and Theatre projects. Twelve A. F. of L. unions and two CIO unions are included in the arts federation.

It is considered likely now that the Senate will yield to the storm of protest against the Woodrum bill when it deals with the relief issue on Monday and make a number of important changes. Elimination of the \$125,000,000 earmarked provision for PWA is considered

practically assured as far as the Senate is concerned.

Mayor LaGuardia made the first public move toward healing the breach between farm and city Congressmen over the farm parity payments issue in a telegram which he sent yesterday to President O'Neal of the Farm Bureau Federation.

The friction between the two groups of Congressmen reached a head late in March and early in April of this year when the city representatives attempted to obtain a promise from farm congressmen that they would support the \$150,000,000 deficiency grant for WPA requested by the President in return for city support for farm parity payments.

When this attempt failed as a result of the refusal of Southern representatives from rural areas to cooperate, the city congressmen voted against parity payments as a protest move and defeated the proposal by a narrow margin of 13 votes.

Today's vote came on the conference report on the agriculture Department appropriations bill. The Senate had approved the \$225,000,000 parity payments as an amendment to the House bill, and the House conferees agreed to this amendment.

This morning Mayor LaGuardia called together O'Neal as a representative of the farmers and Reps. Raymond S. McKee of Illinois, Marcantonio and Joseph A. Gavan, both of New York, as spokesmen for the city Congressmen.

At this meeting agreement was reached that O'Neal would intervene on behalf of WPA and that the city Congressmen would throw their strength behind parity payments.

Later in the day the city Congressmen, including Reps. Arthur D. Healey of Massachusetts and Michael Bradley of Pennsylvania plunged into a series of conferences with Reps. Jones and Rayburn.

They were reported to have assurances from Jones and from Rayburn on behalf of himself and of Speaker Bankhead that they would go down the line when the conference report on relief came to the House in an effort to liberalize the measure.

Bradley led a group of Philadelphia Congressmen who voted against the parity payments because they felt that the agreement had not been binding enough but the other participants in the conferences were confident that satisfactory assurances had been received.

Discussions between farm Congressmen, city Congressmen and the House leadership were still going on when the parity payments issue came to a vote.

As a result, the city Congressmen abstained from voting on the first standing vote, and parity payments were defeated 119 to 112 on this test.

When the names of the city Congressmen were called on the first roll call on the issue, they again abstained because no final agreement had been reached and it looked as if parity payments were defeated in the House for the second time in the last three months.

But when their names were called for the second time, an agreement had been reached and they turned the tide in favor of the parity payments for farmers in a dramatic last minute move.

## C. P. Leaders to Talk on B'klyn Issues on Air Sat.

Peter V. Cacchione, Communist Party Candidate for City Council of Kings County, and the first Brooklyn candidate in the field for that office, will lead a round table radio discussion on his community's vital needs on Saturday, at 10:30 P.M. over Station WNEW (1250 kilocycles).

More than 125 parties will be held in Brooklyn that night to tune in on his speech and follow up his half-hour broadcast with forums in which more than 5,000 persons will participate.

Other Communist Party leaders, appearing with Mr. Cacchione include James W. Ford, Israel Amter, and Paul Crooble. A dramatic sketch and songs will round out the program.

## Brazilian Nazi Deported for Fascist Activity

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 22 (UP).—Plinio Salgado, leader of the outlawed Integralist Action who recently was arrested in connection with the fascist organization's activities, today was deported from Brazil aboard the German liner General Artigas.

## 'P. R.' to Be Taught

An educational program to teach voters the principles of proportional representation will be launched this summer, according to an announcement yesterday by nine civic organizations. Mrs. Leopold K. Simon, of the City Affairs Committee, will head the committee in charge, representing the organizations.

## West Coast Bund Chief Loses U. S. Citizenship

LOS ANGELES, June 22 (UP).—Herman Max Schwinn, west coast director of the German-American Bund, was deprived of his American citizenship late today after a federal hearing at which he was accused of obtaining his naturalization papers by fraud.

U. S. District Judge Ralph E. Jenney revoked the Bund leader's citizenship at the request of the U. S. District Attorney's office.

Specific charge was that Schwinn falsely testified as to his length of California residence when he was naturalized on July 22, 1932.

## Honor War Dead

A memorial plaque containing the names of all the known IRT employees who died in military service during the World War will be unveiled in the Times Square shuttle station at 3 P. M. Monday.

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# Callousness of Banks Responsible for Chinatown Fire Deaths

## People Tell Of Fears In Death Traps

Families in Area of Blaze That Took 8 Lives Live In Horror of Fire

By Michael Kantor

The Daily Worker yesterday checked on the landlords who own the property at 11-13 and 15-17 Doyers St. in Chinatown where a blaze early Wednesday morning choked out eight lives. Names have been mentioned, co-owners cited and investigations hint at manslaughter charges.

The real owners, however, are two powerful banks, to whom the eight lives meant rent and accounts. The Lawyers Title & Guaranty Co. holds a \$15,000 mortgage on the house at 11-13 Doyers St. It knew of the violations, knew of the conditions but arrogantly refused to do anything about it.

The Broadway Savings Bank which holds a \$20,000 mortgage at the 15-17 Doyers St. property found it convenient to make some repairs in 1934 and 1938 on a small store front on the property. That meant increased rent. But for the tenants above the store, the poor, struggling Chinese workers, imperilled by a maze of violations, the Broadway Savings Bank did nothing.

And at 5 A.M. Wednesday morning they awoke to find that a terrible death had callously, "economically" been prepared for them.

Responsible with the banks for the Chinatown tragedy are: A. Joseph Porges, of 175 W. 73rd St., who addresses the District Attorney's office had told reporters "could not be found"; Leo J. Alexander and his sister, Mrs. Rose Aronson, co-owners of the rased houses.

**DREAD OF TENEMENTS**

And while the investigation continues— "It's bound to hit again, anytime, any one of us, but it mustn't come at night, oh, it mustn't come at night!"

Fire—the terrible fear of a small of smoke, the wisp curling under the door, the crackling, crumbling rickety stairs, the fire escapes that lead to a 10, 15, 20-foot jump to cement sidewalks, the smothering crush of bodies fighting to get out—Fire!

From Lafayette St. to the Bowery and from Kenmare to Bayard, the people live in dread of another tragedy like that which took eight lives early Wednesday morning in the heart of Chinatown.

"It'll come, sure it'll come again," said Mrs. Tauratol. She wrung her hands. "But God, I hope it doesn't come at night, when we're asleep." "By day most of us are out. We don't go places, but we're out anyway. It's better than staying inside those matchboxes. It's the nightmare that scares us."

**MOTHERS PRAY**

Nick Carloti has seen a fire—a small fire—at midnight send a thousand families into a panic. "Last month the school had a fire. Nothing much, but it was at night and nobody was in the school. But when the engines clattered down the street, every mother in the neighborhood prayed."

The dark, long alleys leading to many of the homes are called the "tombs." Suppose a fire breaks out and you do manage to get out of the house, Jimmy Paccetti says, "so what—if that coop leading to the stairs is blocked by fire, we might as well give up."

At 139 Mulberry St. a plumber picks a struck shop. Mrs. Perrisano who said that her landlord "has been promising to fix the wooden stairs for a year now" remarks that "we ought to picket all the landlords here as 'unfair.'" She points to the picket. "He's out for higher wages. And picketing helps. Maybe it'll get us better homes too."

**FEAR HAUNTS PEOPLE**

On the corner of Mott and Hester a group of jobless young Italians said: "It's our mothers and fathers and the old people that worry all the time about fires. We tell them not to worry, but they have to. It's on their minds all the time."

One of them said: "Oh, it's not so bad. I've been here for a long time and all this talk about fire-traps is the baloney."

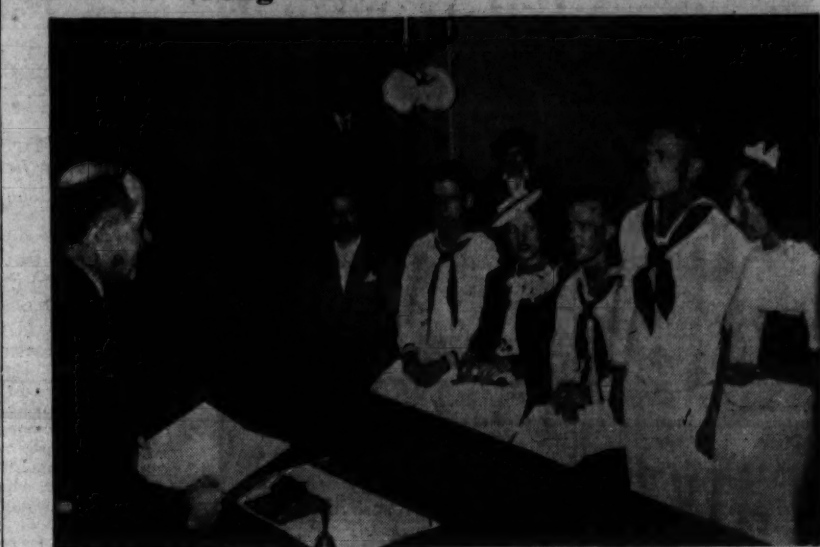
He was met by a barrage of angry words. "Well if you don't like it take your folks back to Italy," he snorted.

Said Marty Martello: "He's nuts. Don't listen to that guy. At least we can call our homes fire-traps here if we want to, but 'over there' we couldn't even do that. Take my word for it, mister, these places are bad, pretty damned bad."

"Everybody talks," said Mr. Ogri-bene standing on the curb outside a wretched Mott St. tenement. "But the fires keep on just the same. They come first here, then there, now it's in Chinatown. My friend lived at 99 Baxter St. They closed down the house, boarded it up. It was no good, the city said. They could close up all these and his hand swept an arc from corner to corner.

And the banks continue to extort rents—and lives of victims caught in their death traps.

## Admiral's Wrong—Gobs Wed



LOVE PROVES MORE POWERFUL THAN ADMIRAL'S OPPOSITION: Following weeks of unrelenting legal red tape, three sailors of the U.S.S. Omaha, which has been stationed at Villefranche, France, for months, visit the Mayor's office with the irrefutable to be joined in matrimony despite the navy's unwritten rule against marriage in a foreign land.

## 36 Quizzed In Chinatown Fire Probe

Tenants Union Urges Mayor Act in Fire That Killed 8

Thirty-six persons have been interviewed by authorities investigating the Doyers Street fire in which seven persons are known to have burned alive Wednesday. Fire Marshal Thomas P. Brophy said yesterday.

Deputy Housing Commissioner Harry M. Prince was investigating for his own department. His object is to learn if there were any changes on the buildings at 11-13 and 15-17, either in structure, use, or occupancy without the permission of the Department of Housing and Buildings.

An appeal for swift prosecution, if arrests result from the investigations, was sent to Mayor LaGuardia by the East Side Tenants Union.

**Painters Lash Anti-New Deal Tory Slate**

The reactionary slate in the Painters District Council 9 elections, headed by L. J. Stevens, the candidate for secretary-treasurer, was yesterday characterized by the Painters Rank and File as an anti-New Deal movement in the union with Trotskyites as chief advisors.

This came out in the editorial of Stevens' paper the "Progressive Painter" in which the now-familiar tactic of first terming the union's present administration as Communist and then associating Roosevelt with it, is employed.

The painters are expected to cast about 7,000 votes tomorrow at the armory at 26th and Lexington Ave., on their choice for a secretary-treasurer.

Morris Gainer, President of Local 905 and well known for his progressive record in the union, is candidate for secretary-treasurer of the Rank and File.

Stevens' paper, filled with its usual slanders, directs its main attack against Louis Weinstein, President and Gainer.

Claiming that Weinstein and Gainer are only interested in using the union to "end C. P. resolutions to Soviet China" or to "his new white hope, Roosevelt, etc." the editorial in the reactionary paper leaves no doubt of the Trotskyite hand that wrote it.

Citing the editorial, the "Rank and File Painter," organ of the forces supporting the present progressive administration, declared:

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## State Convicts 267 In 280 Cases Under Shop Accident Law

In 280 prosecutions for the State Department of Labor for violation of the Workmen's Compensation Law completed during the month of May in the metropolitan district, the Attorney-General's office obtained 267 convictions, State Industrial Commissioner Frieda S. Miller reported yesterday.

A total of \$1,111 was imposed in fines in 141 cases, the heaviest single fine being \$100.

In 49 cases prosecuted for evasion of the Compensation Law by means of fake contracts or fake partnerships, the state obtained conviction in 44 instances.

**Lehman Hopes Negro Rights Bills Will Pass**

Governor Lehman has written Miss Vivienne France, chairman of the Manhattan Citizens Committee, in acknowledgement of her letter of thanks for his signing the two anti-discrimination bills on June 11.

In his letter to Miss France the Governor said that he hoped the remaining progressive bills sponsored by the Temporary Commission on the Condition of the Urban Colored Population and supported by the Manhattan Citizens Committee would be passed.

The Manhattan Citizens Committee is calling a meeting at the YMCA, 180 W. 135th St. this evening to map out plans for an extensive campaign of education regarding the remaining anti-discrimination bills before the next regular session of the legislature meets.

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## Backer Buys Control of N. Y. Post

City Councilman Heads Corporation, Stern Stays on Board

(By United Press) The New York Post announced yesterday that George Backer, vice-president of the real estate firm of George Backer, Inc., and state executive committee member of the American Labor Party, had acquired controlling interest in the paper from J. David Stern.

The announcement of Backer's election as president and publisher accompanied that of Stern's resignation after holding the positions six years. Stern, owner of the Philadelphia Record and the Camden, N. J., Courier, remained as a director.

Stern said that Backer, a city councilman who is active in many business, philanthropic and cultural organizations, would carry on the liberal policy of the Post.

Stern issued the following statement: "George Backer is a sincere liberal."

"I am happy to have him carry on the traditions and purposes of the New York Post."

"Six years ago I stepped in at the eleventh hour to save the Post from extinction. Since then the circulation of the Post had quadrupled, confirming my belief that New York wants, as much as it needs, a liberal, fighting newspaper."

"George Backer is singularly well equipped to achieve the goal at which I have aimed. He has the confidence of both labor and capital. He has the experience and character to be faithful to both."

"The present state of the country, no greater contribution can be made toward its development than to be faithful to both sides in the many great controversies which must be solved if our nation is to survive."

The announcement said that at a reorganization meeting last night officers elected in addition to Backer were: Col. Louis J. Kolb, vice-president; Thomas Finletter, secretary and treasurer; Wesley W. Garver, assistant-secretary and treasurer.

Directors named were: Dorothy Schiff Backer, wife of the new publisher; George Backer; James Coleman; Thomas Finletter; Isaac Givman; Albert M. Greenfield; Alvin Johnson; J. David Stern; and Ralph Beaver Strassburger.

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## Tory 'High Tax' Propaganda Fails To Swerve People from New Deal

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Of those who were asked "Do you happen to pay taxes?" 75 per cent said "Yes," and 25 per cent said "No." It is, of course, not true that these do not pay taxes. Their answer signifies that they are not yet aware that reactionary tax policies, such as the "nuisance taxes" on gasoline, tobacco which were railroaded through Congress this week by a combination of Garner Democrats and Hoover Tories, take \$100 a year even out of the \$1,000 a year class of wage earners.

But, of those who declared they paid taxes, and who have been subjected to the Frank Gammet-Hoover propaganda of the Chambers of Commerce, a majority, 64 per cent, declared their support for President Roosevelt. Among the lower income group which said they paid no taxes, an overwhelming majority, 71 per cent, support President Roosevelt's policies.

Such figures indicate the desire of the lower and middle classes to unite in defense of the New Deal despite all efforts to split the pro-New Deal majority.

**HOW OHIO STANDS**

A Daily News poll in Cleveland demonstrates thus far that Clevelanders are 68 per cent in favor of a third term for Roosevelt. Columbus is 39 per cent for a third term, where the poll was taken among small town and rural visitors who were questioned at a traffic intersection and at the Ohio State campus. The figures show that the highest sentiment for the third term exists among the steel workers (68 per cent), Negro section, (84 per cent), middle class neighborhood, (83 per cent). Large corporations would not permit their employees to be polled, the News reports.

**Seasonal Boost In Construction Lags in State**

ALBANY, June 22 (UP)—Normal seasonal increases in the construction industry from April to May lagged this year due to completion of World's Fair contracts, the State Labor Department said today.

Employment gained 8 per cent and payrolls 6.2 per cent, based on reports from nearly 1,700 firms. Substantial gains upsurge were offset by completion of some World's Fair projects and curtailment of employment in others.

The department also reported increases of more than \$1,500,000 in building permits issued during May, as compared with April.

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A very significant fact in this poll was the fact that 11 per cent of the Cleveland total who had voted against Roosevelt in 1932 were now for his running for a third term. This shows a strong change from anti- to pro-third term, not only among pro-Roosevelt voters of 1932 but even among those who voted Republican in 1932. These are unmistakable symptoms of the eagerness of the American people of all groups, except the upper brackets, to look to a third term for Roosevelt as the best defense of the New Deal and regressive policies.

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## Senate Passes Revised Tax Legislation

\$1,644,300,000 House Approved Bill Gets OK After Changes

WASHINGTON, June 22 (UP)—The Senate passed the \$1,644,300,000 tax bill today after making minor changes in the House-approved version and rejecting amendments to increase surtaxes and broaden the personal income base to reach lower wage brackets. It now goes back to the House for concurrence in Senate changes.

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## For the Security of the United States

Kulangs, Shanghai, Tientsin and now Swatow. These will be stepping stones to the Philippines, Hawaii, Panama and the American Pacific coast, if the increasing Japanese war provocations are not halted—as they can well be.

The Nipponese militarist-fascists will speak less arrogantly and certainly grow less menacing, if the United States forthwith stopped shipping war supplies to Japan.

In the interests of peace, for the security of America, urge an immediate embargo on war materials to Tokyo. Urge, furthermore, the earliest passage of the Bloom Neutrality Bill, amended to distinguish between aggressor and victim.

## If They Can Get Away With It

If they can get away with it, the GOP wreckers intend to prevent the legislative special session from carrying out the will of the people.

The Republican Speaker of the Assembly Heck, has already arrogantly wired Republican legislators telling them, in effect, to stay away from the opening session today. This is plain sabotage, in defiance of the State Constitution and the people who elected them! Meanwhile, the GOP command is telling its puppets in Albany to continue its reactionary offensive against social services.

Cold-bloodedly, the Republican Herald Tribune yesterday said editorially that "it is something to be thankful for" that the Court of Appeals left "the cuts in education and highway appropriations." Just as contemptuous of the people's wishes, the World-Telegram urged the session to "cut deep," if necessary, "despite the Constitution." (These papers said of the original school slashes that they abolished only "frills" and "fads" anyway.)

From still other GOP demagogues comes the cry "cut the teachers' salaries" and "pass a sales tax at the special session." Both of these would also be ruinous attacks against the people's living standards and buying power.

The main thing is that this special session should restore the \$10,000,000 cut in state aid for education. The court's decision opened the way for this even though it invalidated the lump sum appropriations for the state departments, leaving the school and highway cuts into state aid untouched.

But in nullifying the illegal lump sum budget method as against the legal item by item system followed by Gov. Lehman, the Court prevented the Republicans from bringing back the corrupt "pig in a sack" system which it took many years to abolish.

To save the schools, which took labor and the people in general many years to build, write Gov. Lehman in Albany urging that the school cut be put on the agenda at this special session. That's the only way it will be taken up. Demand of Republican Senate Leader Hanley and Speaker of the Assembly Heck, that the \$10,000,000 cut in education be restored.

## Attaboy! Mr. Storekeeper

The small business man is telling 'em a few things.

It is a very good sign that a delegation representing 6,000 small businesses—stores and small plants—in the Metropolitan area went to Washington. They testified before the Senate Committee which is holding hearings on the Mead Bill. Senator Mead's bill calls for government guarantee of bank loans up to a certain point. It hopes to push the Wall Street banks into loosening up on the idle dollars which the small independent business man can't borrow for love or money when he needs it to improve or expand his business.

When Big Business needs the small storekeeper to do the dirty work for it in fighting labor and the New Deal, then the "little man" is treated like a brother by Big Business propaganda. But when the "little man" needs loans at the bank, or tries to deal with the Monopolies as a buyer or seller, then he gets kicked in the face.

When the bankers say that small business is not "sound" enough to get loans they are deceiving the people to hide their own sabotage. Mr. Gottlieb, secretary of the Smaller Business Assn. of New York, has revealed startling facts. He showed that loan sharks are able to borrow money from the banks; then they lend it at extortionate rates to small business. This piracy, caused by the "no-loan policy" of the Wall Street banks, makes victims of small business men all over the nation.

The Mead Bill is in the right direction. But its terms are still too high, and its demands for collateral are also high. It needs to be liberalized. But the real solution as far

as credit for small business goes is a system of Federal banks under Government ownership, leading to the public ownership of the Wall Street "Big Three," the Morgan-Rockefeller, Kuhn, Loeb banks.

## 'Difference of Opinion' On the Wagner Act

When Joseph Padway, counsel to the A. F. of L., testified before the House Labor Committee on behalf of the crippling amendments to the Wagner Act, he knew he was not speaking for the membership of the Federation. And he knew that the Labor Committee members knew it, too. In order to forestall any embarrassing questions, therefore, Padway tried to make light of the wide-spread opposition within the A. F. of L. to any amendments by remarking that "in any democratic organization like ours" differences of opinion were natural.

But Padway cannot dispose of the tremendous support within the Federation for the Wagner Act so easily. The fact is, the difference of opinion within the A. F. of L. on the Wagner Act is not the result of democratic procedure, but of the un-democratic activities of the ruling group on the Executive Council. If Green democratically reflected the true wishes and interests of the membership on this issue, he would never have joined hands with the National Manufacturers Association against the Wagner Act. And the Federation would stand 100 per cent united—just as does the CIO—in the defense of labor's Magna Carta.

It is unfortunate, incidentally, that no one asked Padway about the case of George Kidwell, veteran A. F. of L. leader of San Francisco, who was brought up on charges for having traveled to Washington to express his "difference of opinion" with William Green on the Wagner Act.

Ironically enough, on the same day that Padway was testifying before the House Committee, John C. Gall, counsel for the National Manufacturers Association, was attacking the Wagner Act in pretty much the same terms before the Senate Labor Committee.

The membership of the A. F. of L. is rapidly seeing the connection between the amendments sponsored by Green and the attempt of the open-shoppers to wipe out the Wagner Act altogether. That is why there is so much "difference of opinion" within the Federation.

## Unity in Latin America Against Franco

Under the leadership of Peoples Front Chile, Latin America is showing some remarkable signs of uniting against Franco's fascist penetration, for the Rome-Berlin axis, on the continent to the South.

The issue around which seven of the Latin American countries have rallied is one which really has deeper roots than would appear on the surface.

Specifically, the Chilean embassy in Madrid refuses to surrender 17 Loyalists who took refuge there when Franco's butchers conquered the Spanish capital. It insists that Franco respect the right of asylum long established between Spain and the Latin American nations. Peoples Front Chile points to the fact that when the reactionary Alessandri government was in power, 2,000 Spanish fascists remained unmolested in Chile's Madrid embassy.

Supporting Chile are: Costa Rica, Argentina, Cuba, Uruguay, Mexico, Venezuela, and conditionally, Salvadore. Salvadore, by the way, was one of the first countries to recognize Franco. Its line-up here is highly indicative of the Latin American trend.

As a matter of fact, the Latin American nations are, by this means, expressing growing opposition and resentment to Franco intrigue and attempted penetration in Latin America.

What President Roosevelt has referred to as the unity of America for democracy is showing itself in some degree by this united front against Franco's high-handed attack on the Madrid embassy of Peoples Front Chile.

In view of the whole significance of the united stand of these seven nations, the United States should publicly add its support.

In the circumstances, the Washington administration should go deeper into the issues and voice its abhorrence at the wholesale executions of democratic prisoners by Franco's murder squads.

Independently, the American people can help rebuff Franco by giving more aid to the unfortunate Spanish refugees languishing in concentration camps.

## A Record of Sportsmanship

Baseball lost one of its masters as Lou Gehrig stepped off the players list, a victim of dread infantile paralysis. He has brought credit to the game, deserving the admiration of American fandom, and meriting the dreams and aspirations of every young sandlotter in the country.

He held 16 playing records, and played 2,130 consecutive games in the American league between June 1, 1925, and May 2, 1939, an unequalled achievement in itself. Let us hope that he conquers an illness that has blighted so many American children and homes today. Meantime, his record stands as an inspiration and example of the American tradition of clean sportsmanship.

## THE ALTAR OF GREED

by Ellis



An Editorial

## NEXT STEPS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR LABOR UNITY

In its decisions and resolutions, the recent meeting of the CIO Executive Board again firmly proclaimed the need for labor unity and indicated the path of struggle which is necessary to secure this unity in the coming months. While with its program for recovery, civil rights, a pension drive and for extending the organization of the unorganized, the CIO set forth the issues around which united action can be achieved.

As 1940 nears, the question of trade union unity becomes ever more clearly a major political issue before the entire labor and progressive movement. The great need of the moment is for the political solidarity of the A. F. of L. and CIO to insure a New Deal victory in 1940 and to defeat the reactionary forces with whom several of the A. F. of L. Council members, unfortunately, are allied.

To achieve this political solidarity as quickly as possible, the most immediate practical steps would seem to be the following:

First, to popularize the achievements and decisions of the CIO Executive Board meeting and to rally the necessary support to put them into effect.

Secondly, to rally the maximum resistance within the ranks of the A. F. of L. against the splitting policies of the Executive Council majority, and to prevent Re-

publican Party henchmen like Matthew Woll and William Hutcheson from continuing to shape the policies of the Council.

Thirdly, to develop local cooperative action between A. F. of L., CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods in the coming municipal elections and on political and economic issues, and to strengthen the friendship and contacts between leaders of the A. F. of L., the CIO, the Railroad Brotherhoods and the New Deal.

As it takes stock of its prospects for 1940, Wall Street counts among its greatest assets the division in labor's ranks. For with labor divided, it becomes much more difficult to unite the farmers and the city middle classes effectively around the New Deal and to save them from the demagoguery and slick phrases of the reactionaries.

The orgy of anti-labor legislation in the various Republican state legislatures and the assault of the Hooverites and the Garner-crats in Congress against all New Deal gains, are an ominous warning of what a reactionary victory in 1940 would mean.

Election Day, November, 1940, will be a crucial one in the history of American labor and American democracy. The trade union movement cannot afford to withhold a single ounce of energy from the urgent task of uniting its strength for the battle ahead.

## Letters From Our Readers

### Tories' Mutilation of WPA Rouses Indignant Protests

The Tuberculous Must Not Lose Their Jobs—

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The American Association for the Tuberculous is an organization of patients and ex-patients who are primarily concerned with their rehabilitation. The high rate of relapse in this disease practically negates the remarkable achievements made in curing the tuberculous. Cognizant of the environmental factors in the occurrence and recurrence of this disease, we are persistently fighting for progressive legislation and the establishment of economic security for the American people. It is, therefore, no wonder that we view the present slashes of the WPA with grave forebodings. The deterioration of our living standards to even lower levels will raise the incidence and fatalities of tuberculosis.

What is to become of the healed tuberculous on the WPA? Are they also to be labeled "career WPA workers" by the economy minded bloc in Washington? The consequences of unemployment among the healthy people are disastrous; among the tuberculous they are fatal. The preservation of their jobs is a health measure as well as an economic saving. The inevitable relapses following upon lay-offs of the tuberculous will increase the source of infection to the rest of the populace and the added expenses of hospitalization will void the savings made in WPA fringes.

Our organization protests vigorously against the dismantling of the WPA. In view of the fact accomplished of the recent appropriations, we urge your readers to pay special attention to the tuberculous and the vital necessity of continuous employment for them. The tuberculous must not lose their jobs!

HAROLD NITZBERG, Vice-President.

... Bitter Indignation—

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

One trembles with rage and bitter indignation at the thought that the Appropriations Committee might act favorably on the Woodrum restriction. Especially bitter does a person feel when he reads the news of the possibility of 3,000,000 WPA workers being thrown out of jobs.

It is flying in the face of everything one deems decent, not to protest against the possibility of so many people suffering from hunger and bad housing in a rich country like ours.

I trust that the appeal may not go unheeded and that the Murray-Casby Bill will pass without the Woodrum restriction.

E. R.

'A Promise of Greater Democracy'—

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Throughout the nation, the Negro people suffer the ravages of unemployment to a much greater degree than any other group. Our history reveals that the Negro is the very last to benefit from the fruits of a national or sectional prosperity and invariably the first to suffer from economic adversities. Since his welfare as a group depends upon and may be gauged by the general ratio of unemployment, it is evident that the Negro cannot expect at this time, any measure of economic security through the channels of private industry.

The institution of the Works Progress Administration has been of incalculable value to the Negro people throughout the country. It has been the medium of providing millions with the Bread of Life. And most important, it has been the means of providing them with hope—hope in the power of our democracy; hope in the future of their country.

Federal Art Project No. 1 has been the only national medium in the history of our country which gives encouragement to, and allows for expression of the culture of the Negro people. From coast to coast, the cultural panorama of our democracy has been enriched by the Negro writer, musician, painter, actor and artist of every category. Through the medium of this project, Negro artists, such as Richard Wright, have loomed forth and blazoned American democracy on the horizon of the world.

Federal Project No. 1 and the entire Works Administration represents a promise of greater democracy to the Negro people. They will defend it with their votes and with their every valorous tradition.

CARL OFFORD, Chairman  
Negro Arts Committee.

'Help Stem the Woodrum Juggernaut'—

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

When one contemplates the reactionaries steamrolling the WPA. mutilations through the House of Representatives, it seems hard to believe that the House members represent the people. It seems fantastic that the people's representatives would condemn so many of them to suffering and starvation and the rest to economic repression as a direct result.

All the attacks on hard fought gains are continuous

## World Front

By HARRY GANNES



Gen. Goes Monteiro of Brazil  
 Makes a Reluctant Visit to  
 the U. S. and What May Come of It

We are sure that Pedro Aurelio de Goes Monteiro, Brazilian army Chief of Staff, is not especially happy about his current visit to the United States. Nor are Monteiro's collaborators in Germany and Italy comfortable over the prospects of this trip which will last until July 18.

But what could Goes Monteiro do about it? He was pretty much put on the spot. The origin of this call by the most influential Brazilian ally of the Rome-Berlin axis penetrators in South America harks back to March, 1938. Then, Oswaldo Aranha, Brazil's Foreign Minister, returned to Rio de Janeiro from Washington with a loan of \$120,000,000. As former Ambassador to Washington, Aranha had established ties with the New Deal and favored the Good Neighbor policy. The loan was a substantial gesture to counter the Nazi barter relations with Brazil.

Monteiro was distressed by this deal against Nazi and Italian fascist intrigue in Brazil. Popular opinion in Brazil, rapidly becoming more outspoken against the repressive measures of the Vargas dictatorship, and particularly against its wing which stands for collaboration with the Rome-Berlin axis, enthusiastically welcomed Aranha's financial coup.

In addition, rising anti-fascist sentiment had helped win the liberty of Rodolfo Ghidoli, former secretary of the Argentine Communist Party who had been imprisoned by Vargas in 1936. Though Ghidoli's sentence had concluded, the Goes Monteiro gang still wanted to hold him. Also, clamor has grown for the release of Brazil's Knight of Hope, the nationally beloved Luis Carlos Prestes, and the German Communist leader, Arthur Ewert, who as a refugee in Brazil was jailed with Prestes and Ghidoli.

In a rash effort to castigate Aranha and to terrorize emboldened democratic expression in Brazil, Goes Monteiro, publicly declared he would accept a concerted invitation of Hitler and Mussolini to review the German and Italian fascist armies.

Since this was more than an implied threat of military collaboration between Brazil's pro-fascist Chief of Staff and the Rome-Berlin war alliance, the United States took some diplomatic measures for strengthening Western Hemisphere defenses.

Brig. Gen. George C. Marshall, soon to be Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, was sent to Rio. He reported that the Brazilian people "showed evidences of goodwill and generous impulses in their friendly disposition to the United States."

Gen. Marshall advised Goes Monteiro if it is armies he wants to see perhaps it would be better to take a look at the United States armed forces. Confronted with popular resentment of his demonstration axis-wards and with the clear stand of the United States, Goes Monteiro could not refuse the invitation.

As the Times' Washington reporter delicately put it:

"It was after the German authorities had extended an invitation to Gen. Goes Monteiro to visit their country and to command a German army division in maneuvers that Gen. Marshall made a courtesy visit to Brazil in order to bring Gen. Goes Monteiro back to this country."

Incidentally, Goes Monteiro was going to identify himself with the German Nazi army in maneuvers to be conducted against Poland, just when Japan was turning on the heat against the United States, Great Britain and France in Tientsin, Kiangsu and Swatow. Brazil's Chief of Staff is an incipient Franco. But he is being checkmated by New Deal collaboration with the democratic forces of Brazil and other Latin American nations.

Monteiro was one of the first powers behind the Brazilian Nazi-style storm troopers, the Green-shirted Integrallistas. In 1938 he went from Argentina to Chile, trying to link up the various fascist groups. He plotted with the Alessandri-Ross reactionary forces in Chile. Fortunately, the Alessandri-Ross gang was defeated by the Chilean Popular Front when President Aguirre Cerda was elected on Oct. 25, 1938.

So, bringing the Rio Chief of Staff to Washington where he can hear a few things from President Roosevelt and other government and army officials interested in keeping fascism out of the American continent will also have a salutary effect on the South American democratic camp resisting Monteiro's fascist cabals.

Doubtless the Brazilian general's mind won't be completely changed by a tour to the United States and a series of lectures, no matter how convincing. Nevertheless, the circumstances and conditions in which he thinks he can conspire will be changed. The impression on the Brazilian people of diverting Goes Monteiro from Berlin to Washington is important. This demonstration, moreover, will have some weight in Berlin.

Then, the forces on top and below seeking to narrow Monteiro's plotting sphere will be assisted by the Brazilian Chief of Staff's change of atmosphere.

Altogether, the American people can be assured that active measures have been taken to impede some phases of totalitarian conspiring in the extensive areas of the United States of Brazil.

and increasingly fierce by the representatives ostensibly of the people but in reality of the Morgans, Rockefellers and the other sixty families.

Democratic gains under capitalism are bitterly fought before realization and mercilessly attacked afterwards.

We can not permit these lackeys to murder these innocent victims. Help stem the Woodrum juggernaut! Fight the silk-hatted murders!

Yours for truth and the good life for all—soon.

G. G.

## Children Need Recreational Facilities—

McKees Rock, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In McKees Rock it is vacation time for the school children. The schools closed with a community picnic at the largest and most beautiful park.

Unfortunately, boys and girls were forced to stay home because their parents had been laid off the WPA, leaving them without income.

In McKees Rock and Stowe Township, with a population of about 30,000 the young people are denied a swimming pool and playground. Many of the young people are forced to play in the dangerous streets and swim in the treacherous river.

It is about time that the citizens of this town demanded a swimming pool and playground for the young people. This would prevent many unhappy deaths which are happening now.

PAUL DIGIOVINE.



## Change the World



Uncle Sam is Waking  
Up and Will Catch Up  
With the Traitors and Spies

By MIKE GOLD

I SEE where Frank Murphy, head of the U. S. Department of Justice, has again warned America about the wave of fascist spies that are operating here in industries that have any connection with defense or secret military inventions.

All the nations spy on each other. Capitalism is a beautiful world in which there are no friends, and your neighbor cuts your throat for a dollar. International spying is a permanent institution even between friendly capitalist nations, and a fitting symbol of the sort of world the profit-system has created.

There is nothing to be alarmed at in this process in normal times; one nation's bunch of high-jackers just about cancel out the work of the rival gang.

But these are not normal times. Nor is fascism a normal capitalist rival to American capitalism. Hitler and Mussolini have often enough announced that they want to conquer the world. To people of their stripe this is not a strange or impossible delusion. It seems practical to them.

And they have a relentless logic built on this premise. For example, America being part of the world, they have no other logical recourse but to try to conquer America. Hitler has just conquered a foothold in South America in his recent taking over of the army and state machinery of Bolivia. And Hitler and Mussolini have set up their fascist machinery in the very heart of the United States. It costs them millions of dollars a year. They are bankrupt, but the price seems worthwhile to them. Yes, they dream of making the United States a colony of Berlin and Rome.

It sounds fantastic as one writes it, but it is real. Attorney-General Murphy knows that it is real. He reports that in the past year something like a thousand Nazi spies have been caught here. This is surely an abnormal amount. Only a few of them were brought to public trial in the late New York case which has been put into film history in "Confessions of a Nazi Spy." What has happened to the others Mr. Murphy does not say.

But if a thousand were caught, it means that ten thousand other Nazi spies must still be at large. This is what appeals Mr. Murphy and all government officials who are not mere politicians, but Americans with a sense of responsibility for the nation's defense against the fascist menace.

Mr. Murphy is establishing J. Edgar Hoover and G-men in a special division that will operate permanently against these foreign spies. And he has recommended to Congress that a new set of laws be passed, hiking the mild penalties for spying that a peaceful America, living in a normal capitalist world, had previously exacted of spies and traitors.

I imagine that Roger Baldwin and his co-believers in good-will and straw-berry ice cream may oppose such laws. They still have the peace-time psychology, like a rabbit that is amiably exchanging greetings with a snake. And they will say, as Mr. Baldwin said in a recent friendly letter to this column, that all these repressive laws contain a great danger to democracy.

Such laws are misused by the reactionaries in government against liberals and radicals, says Mr. Baldwin. He cites New Jersey, where a law against Nazi race-libel was only used against the Witnesses of Jehovah, a religious sect, and not against the Nazis.

Yes, it is a danger. Everything today is dangerous. But the immediate and first danger to America is the encroachment of fascism. And democracy cannot defend itself against the brown pest unless it has some weapons. Its hands are tied at the moment, as Attorney General Murphy and others have pointed out. It must unshackle itself, draw the sword of justice and fight for its life.

Roger Baldwin and his group have a purely negative and sentimental attitude. They, and their fellow-thinkers, have never offered us a single practical method of stopping fascism. There is an old maid's virginity complex. A mother defending her young is fiercer, bolder and more positive.

Or call them ostriches—a monster attacks them with savage weapons, a monster who recognizes no rules or ethics, and they stick their heads into the sands of the "constitutional" past, and make noble orations. They would always rather make a noble gesture than survive, these beautiful people.

I think Harry Bridges, leader of the west coast marine workers, had a healthier and more effective way of meeting the danger. Mr. Bridges turned in a long and documented list of Nazi spies at work in America's air plane factories on the Pacific Coast, along with a complete account of how they operated. This ought to help the G-men in their first forays on the battlefield. It certainly will help American democracy if these spies are caught. It will help the trade unions, as Mr. Bridges knows and it will help preserve free speech, as Mr. Baldwin does not know.

No doubt a number of innocent delusional merchants, waiters, carpenters and clerks, etc., out of mistaken patriotism, have joined various of the Nazi Bund and Coughlinite organizations. I think Mr. Hoover of the G-men ought soon issue a warning to such folk that they are in a deeper business than they know. Uncle Sam is waking up, and will inevitably catch up with every traitor and spy, whatever masks he may assume.

## They Have Rocked the 'Cradle'

Now the Flatbush Arts Theatre Is at It With New Play

By Milton Meltzer

To celebrate its first birthday the Flatbush Arts Theatre will present the premiere of "Life in a Day of a Secretary," at the Kaufmann Auditorium in the 32nd St. Y.M.H.A. tomorrow night. Alfred Hayes wrote the words and George Kleinsinger the music of this "Metropolitan Cantata." It describes the experiences of Miss Average Typist from the first yawn in the morning to the last one at night, following her from her room to subway to office to lunchroom, to boss to boy friend to Broadway to good-night place.

"Life in a Day of a Secretary" won the prize offered by the United Office and Professional Workers for the best play on office-workers' lives. When the New Theatre League was looking around for someone to produce if they hit upon the Flatbush Arts Theatre. The script was in the form of the old oratorio, requiring a group that could do "spoken music," a style developed by Hanns Eisler and Kurt Weill abroad and Marc Blitzstein. Since the Flatbush players had been brought up on Blitzstein, it was a natural for them.

The Flatbush Arts Theatre got started about this time last year when Lou Cooper and a small group rehearsed a few songs from "The Cradle Will Rock" and brashly took bookings around New York for all sorts of functions. Some of their audience had seen the Mercury Theatre's version of "The Cradle" and demanded whole scenes from the trio. So Lou rounded up some ambitious young ones and put them through the scenes. In no time their ambition to go legitimate extended to a full production of the Blitzstein Steel-town treatise.

Private homes were requisitioned for rehearsals, and parents went crazy trying to prevent couches



Lou Cooper, gifted young pianist-composer. He's the director of the Flatbush Arts Theatre.

from being converted into stages. Neighbors overhearing the harlot in the opening scene looked suspiciously the next day at the innocent homeowner. But after a month of roving rehearsals the young actors opened their show in their own neighborhood, Flatbush. They almost didn't when a cop showed up at certain time to ask for the permit. But a plea on bended knee to the police captain at the precinct fixed things up and the show went on.

### They Have Rocked The Famous "Cradle"

One week later Flatbush's first theatre moved into the New School auditorium for a few performances, and since then they have rocked Blitzstein's "Cradle" all over New York. Lou Cooper and his aides whipped some political cabaret material into shape and took bookings and benefits at the rate of three or four a week, and this spring they got Marc Blitzstein himself to come down to their Cul-

tural Center at 1000 Kings Highway to direct them in a production of his radio drama, "I've Got the Tune." With his help they adapted the radio form for visual presentation and staged it successfully at a New Theatre Night in the New School. Last month they put on "Plant in the Sun."

What they hope to do, according to Lou Cooper, their leader, is to build their theatre into a community project, making it a center of cultural life for Flatbush's 250,000 people. Today they are conducting theatre classes on Kings Highway, and teaching all forms of the dance. Evenings they sponsor forums on music and art, and occasionally present political vaudeville of the broadest kind to reach the greatest number of "non-political" people.

There are some 30 young people in the Flatbush Arts Theatre now, most of them between 16 and 25. When they tell you about "Life in a Day of a Secretary" this Saturday night, you'll see how far they went in one year.

## IN NEON LIGHTS



Basil Rathbone and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. now playing thru Monday in "The Sun Never Sets" at the Academy of Music, on 14th St. On same program, "Naughty But Nice" with Ann Sheridan.

### Playmakers Give \$300 For Best Short Plays

The Berkeley Playmakers, the nationally-known Little Theatre of Berkeley, California, offer more than \$300 in cash and other awards for the best short plays submitted in their 16th Annual One-Act Playwriting Contest, which closes September 30, 1939. The George Pierce Baker Award of \$100 leads the list of cash prizes.

Title to plays submitted remain property of authors. There are no restrictions as to type of play, theme, subject-matter, form or treatment. Anyone is eligible to compete, but rules should be obtained first. Full details, prize-list, rules and entry blanks may be obtained by writing: Contest Chairman, the Berkeley Playmakers, 1814 Blake St., Berkeley, Calif.

## A Revival of 'Kameradschaft,' Greatest of Pre-Hitler Films

KAMERADSHAFT (Comradeship) a pre-Hitler film directed by G. W. Pabst. At the 5th Avenue Playhouse.

By David Platt

No greater film than "Kameradschaft" has come out of Europe since the war. It is the masterpiece of G. W. Pabst, the great German director now in exile. Pabst made the film a year or so before Hitler came into power. The German film which began with "Caligari" was entering its most fruitful period when it was struck down by the organized gang hired by the Krupps and Thyssens to destroy German Democracy.

"Kameradschaft," the most powerful of the German films has not been allowed within the borders of the Reich since Goebbels took over the Propaganda Ministry. The Nazis are afraid of this film and they have reason to be. It speaks truthfully and eloquently; it stands for everything the Nazis hate; it shows the potential strength of a united labor and it is anti-war and anti-fascist, more so than ever before.

"Kameradschaft" is a great artistic triumph as well as a stirring proletarian document. The story is as basic and as simple as the lives of the workers who take part in the film. It has almost no plot in the ordinary sense. An explosion occurs in a mine on the French side of the Franco-German border. The German miners forgetting old political animosities decide to come to the aid of their French brothers in distress.

### Powerful Theme Well Handled

In doing so they learn one great truth: that miners are miners, workers, workers, in spite of nationality, creed or race. "We have only two common enemies," says a French miner, "gas and war." A German worker replies: "We are all

workers and miners. Long live our French comrades."

It is a powerful theme and the director has handled it with something like genius. Pabst has caught the very smell of the inside of a coalmine with his remarkable sets, photography, direction and use of sound. There is a marvelous reality about "Kameradschaft" that few films ever achieve outside the Soviet Union. The acting is so perfect that one does not regard these people as actors at all; when the women weep at the edge of the pit, you know that something dreadful is happening inside them. You know that they have been there before watching, waiting, hoping. When the men suffer it's the real thing and no make believe and when at the end they laugh and shake hands, you know that you have witnessed a handshake and laughter that strikes bottom.

There is something very beautiful and fine about all the proletarian types in "Kameradschaft." These people seem to spring from the earth itself. There is the mine, a faithful son of toil. If ever pure love has been revealed on the screen, it is the love that exists between this splendid old man and his grandson, the youngest miner in the pit.

During the explosion, the grandson becomes lost in the mine. The grandfather in defiance of every authority goes after him. This little love story which occupies but a small part of the film is told by Pabst with deep emotion. Unforgettable also is the scene between a trapped French miner and a German who comes to his rescue armed with a gasmask. For one brief tragic moment the Frenchman's mind reverts back to the battlefield of the World War. In his hysteria he sees not a friendly rescuer but an enemy, armed to the teeth. In the ensuing, horrible battle in the mine, the French worker dies. The psychological truth of this powerful scene is matched only by its remarkable cinematic treatment.

The German film has gone no further than "Kameradschaft." Some day when the German people are once again in control of their affairs, directors like Pabst will return to make many more epics of the workingclass like "Kameradschaft." In the meantime I advise you not to miss what is unquestionably one of the greatest films of all time.

## Soviet Youth Sports Film at World Theatre

SONG OF YOUTH! World premiere of new Soviet documentary at World Theatre, 49th and Broadway.

You can't go wrong on the attractive program at the World Theatre this week. To such potent drawing cards as "Alexander Nevsky" and "Crisis" has now been added a third feature, "Song of Youth," a remarkable 53-minute documentary on the physical and cultural development of youth in the eleven Republics of the Soviet Union.

It is hardly anything more than a parade of physical and mental strength but a parade! It is magnificent! No one excels Soviet youth in athletics. No one has ever produced such creative athletic floats as you will see in this tremendous spectacle of health and vitality. For instance there is one really fantastic float representing a cross-country run. A dozen runners in shorts are seen travelling back and forth across a huge grass-covered, tree-studded platform. This platform which is about a block long and resembles a miniature countryside is carried along the line of march by fifty or sixty odd youth. The runners appear to be very serious about their work. They are obviously experienced long distance runners and I am sure they continue running back and forth throughout the parade. As far as they're concerned, it's a real race and not a mere float in a parade. There are other equally startling floats in which men and women perform some of the most hair-raising gymnastics while being carried along on platforms by columns of marchers.

Most sensational of all are the terrifying deeds on motorcycles. No motorcycle so far as I could see carried less than ten people. One of them contained an entire band of musicians, instruments and all. This band actually performed a composition while riding on two wheels at a brisk pace and it was not done with mirrors. There are other stunts on cycles and trapezes that make your eyes pop. Such things are not seen in this part of the world. The mental has wonderfully fused with the physical in this remarkable sports exhibition. Such creative gymnastics are possible only among people who are free to develop their imaginations along every conceivable line.

Every nationality in the Soviet Union is represented in the giant demonstration. There are Ukrainians, Russians, Azerbaijanians, Georgians, Armenians, Kazakhs, Uzbeks, Turkmenians, Kirghizians and Tajiks. The Georgians brought along a model of Stalin's boyhood home and the Ukrainian and Kirghizian mass dances and exercises are a thrilling sight. The contribution of the Caucasian and Central Asiatic Republics reveal the enormous cultural development of the minorities since their liberation in 1917.

It's a grand show. Stalin, Molotov, Kaganovich, Kalinin are among the spectators. Those of you who missed being present on Red Square last October when the exhibition took place should make it your business to see the film without fail. You'll enjoy every moment of it.

—D. P.

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### Film Audiences Begins Lively Campaign for 'It Can't Happen Here'

A nationwide campaign to show Meiro Goldwyn-Mayer that the movie-going public wants to see "It Can't Happen Here" produced, is being undertaken by Film Audiences For Democracy, it was announced yesterday by Edward K. Kern, the organization's director of activities.

"The American people want to see 'It Can't Happen Here,'" Kern declared, "and there is no reason why they shouldn't see how fascism is born and how it operates. They should be able to see how demagogues like Coughlin operate. 'It Can't Happen Here' must be produced and it is the paramount task of film audiences to see that it is."

Film Audiences is asking their individual members and organizational participants to inaugurate a letter writing campaign to MGM, producers of the film, asking them either to produce the famous anti-fascist story, or sell the rights to it to an independent producer.

### Oil Story, Grant Life Win Literary Prizes

A novel of a Texas oil town and a biographical study of Ulysses S. Grant are announced today as the winning project submitted in the fifth annual Houghton Mifflin Literary Fellowship competition. The winners are Mary King of New Orleans, La., and Helen Todd of St. Louis, Mo.

Miss King's projected novel is laid in a Texas oil field in the early 1920's; her characters are transient workers, farmers, oil-field women; her heroine is the daughter of a roving mule-skinner. The land itself is part of the story, especially the subterranean depths from which flows the oil that suddenly transforms quiet farm country into an unknown explosive quantity.

## 'Good Girls Go to Paris' Excellent Light Comedy

GOOD GIRLS GO TO PARIS, at the Music Hall. With Melvyn Douglas, Joan Blondell, Walter Connolly, Alan Curtis. Directed by Alexander Hall. A Columbia picture.

By Howard Rushmore

It is neither original nor clever to borrow a critical opinion from the ads but when Columbia promoted "Good Girls Go to Paris" with the modest blurb "a human, humorous story, hilarious unexpected situations and deft portrayals by a fine cast" they summed up the qualifications of the Music Hall's current offering so completely and satisfactorily that we can agree with their copy writer one hundred per cent.

After a long and rather dull series of light comedies, Columbia has at last produced something distinctly entertaining and quite airy enough for summer audiences. There is nothing new about its situations and many of its laugh-getting tricks are creaky with age, but Alexander Hall has managed to whip the story along so adroitly that these defects are overlooked. He is aided in no small degree by Melvyn Douglas, the perfect answer to any director's BOB call, and Joan Blondell, round-eyed and flutery as ever. The three of them keep the sophisticated humor within bounds and work out the meanderings of the complicated plot professionally and profitably.

Miss Blondell has the hardest job to do. As Jenny Swanson, waitress, she is a mixture of Pollyanna and Carrie Nation, bringing happiness to the love-blinded Professor Ronald Brooke (Melvyn Douglas) and proper perspective to the fast-living Brand family. Also she has the ambition to blackmail a rich man's son and win a free trip to Paris in the spring. It can't be understood without being seen, but you won't be bored by the story or the cast and the whole thing is heartily recommended.

Walter Connolly as Olaf Brand, the cranky grandpa, comes near to stealing the show with his explosive antics. Melvyn Douglas blends sophistication and comedy perfectly and Joan Blondell, who has been around such parts a long time, seems at this late date to be coming into her own. But the medal goes to Director Hall for his ability to transform "B" material into a lively and thoroughly enjoyable film. In taking the "Good Girls Go to Paris" Columbia has provided the right chaperon.

### HOW DO YOU FEEL? HEALTH ADVICE

Soviet Investigators Find New Hope for Lepers

A new weapon against the dread enemy, leprosy, has been forged in the Soviet Union and is now being tested there. This weapon is described as "novocaine block" in a report in the International Journal of Leprosy of 1938, abstracted in this June's issue of the Urologic and Cutaneous Review.

Novocaine is familiar to most of us who have had experience in the dentist-chair. Novocaine block, as used by the Soviet scientists, is the injection of this anesthetic into various parts of the body in order to block off whole groups of nerves which supply different regions. It seems paradoxical that a local anesthetic should be used to combat a disease whose first symptom is often loss of sensation.

(Remember how Father Damien knew he had leprosy, when he up-set the boiling kettle of water over his foot and felt no pain?) Here are patients who are numb, and the Soviet doctors give them something to make them more numb! It seems paradoxical, but it works.

In his report, Dr. A. A. Vishnevsky states that the novocaine block treatment gave at least some benefit in every one of 100 patients at Krutik Ruchi, the leper settlement of Leningrad. The ulcer dried up and disappeared, weak muscles increased in strength, dreaded flare-ups known as "lepra reactions" were quickly checked, and, strangest of all, numb limbs regained their normal sensitivity.

Although novocaine has no effect on the germ of leprosy, Dr. Vishnevsky believes that the treatment checks the spread of the disease through the nervous system by putting certain nerves at rest. This theory is discussed at length in the original article in the International Journal of Leprosy.

The original article also contains other interesting information not found in the American abstract: namely, a description of the high degree of cooperative effort involved in this investigation. The treatment was first proposed by Prof. Speransky and was carried out by Dr. Vishnevsky in collaboration with Dr. Shsheperin. Numerous other Soviet scientists have subjected the new weapon to the acid test of clinical trial and have found it excellent.

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TALLULAH BANKHEAD in  
**THE LITTLE FOXES**  
LILLIAN HELLMAN'S Dramatic Triumph  
NATIONAL Theatre, W. 41 St. Pk. 6-5225  
Ex. 4-30, 5-30 to 5-35. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 5-30

## On the Radio

- BROADCAST BAND MORNING**
- 7:00-WABC-Phil Cook Almanac
  - 7:30-WVEAF-Variety Program
  - WQXR-Breakfast Symphony
  - 9:45-WABC-News; Music; Women's News
  - 10:15-WQXR-News; Miller Orch.
  - 10:30-WVEAF-Gene and Glenn, Songs
  - WQXR-Beauty Talk; Music
  - 11:15-WVEAF-Hi Boys, Instrumental Group
  - WQXR-Kampus Kids, Swing Music
  - 11:30-WVEAF-Music from Cleveland
  - WQXR-World's Fair-Mr. Fitzgerald
  - WABC-Vocal Music
  - 11:55-WQXR-News; Music of Chopin
  - 12:00-WVEAF-News; Women in News
  - WQXR-News; Woman of Tomorrow
  - WABC-Richard Maxwell, Tenor
  - 12:15-WVEAF-Miller Orchestra
  - WABC-Vocal Music
  - 12:30-WVEAF-The Market Basket
  - WQXR-Alice Biala-Sketch
  - WQXR-Breakfast Club; Variety
  - 1:00-WVEAF-Central City-Sketch
  - WQXR-Lisa Sergio, Comments
  - 1:15-WVEAF-John's Other Wife-Sketch
  - WQXR-Orange Blossom Quartet
  - 1:30-WVEAF-Just Plain Bill-Sketch
  - WQXR-Imperial Singers
  - 1:45-WVEAF-Woman in White-Sketch
  - WQXR-Breen and De Rosa, Songs
  - WQXR-News (Off 11-4)
  - 11:00-WVEAF-David Harum-Sketch
  - WABC-Music from Hollywood
  - 11:15-WVEAF-Lorenzo Jones-Sketch
  - WQXR-The Road of Life-Sketch
  - WQXR-Brother Al Says
- AFTERNOON**
- 12:00-WVEAF-The Carters-Sketch
  - 12:15-WVEAF-The O'Neill-Sketch
  - WQXR-Southern Quartet
  - WABC-Nancy James-Sketch
  - 12:25-WQXR-News; Farm and Home Hour
  - 12:30-WVEAF-At Home in World Today-Dr. Leslie Bates Moss
  - WQXR-News; Consumers Quiz Club
  - 1:00-WVEAF-News; Alice Cornett, Songs
  - 1:15-WVEAF-Barnal Orchestra
  - WQXR-Health Drama; Music
  - 1:30-WVEAF-Let's Talk It Over
  - 1:45-WVEAF-Markets and Weather
  - 2:00-WVEAF-Voice of Experience
  - WQXR-Vaughn Monroe, Baritone
- Just Out!**  
**The Communist**  
JUNE  
"Recovery Demands a Bold Program"  
By GENE DENNIS
- 3:00-WVEAF-Billy and Bob-Sketch**  
WQXR-Women in the Making of America-Drama; Women's Night  
Veto-Mr. Carrie Chapman Catt
- 2:15-WVEAF-Arnold Grimm's Daughters**  
2:30-WVEAF-Valliant Lady-Sketch  
3:00-WVEAF-Mary Martin-Sketch  
WQXR-Baschall; Yankee-Browns
- 4:00-WVEAF-Backstage Wife-Sketch**  
WQXR-Poetry Award Winners, Interviewed by Ted Malone
- 4:15-WVEAF-Stella Dallas-Sketch**  
WQXR-Club Mothers; Variety
- WQXR-Orchestra Prevention in N. Y.**  
York-Henrietta Addition of N. Y. Police on Women Voters Program
- 4:30-WVEAF-Vic and Sade-Sketch**  
WQXR-Symphonic Music
- 4:45-WVEAF-John Sturge, Baritone**  
3:00-WVEAF-Billy and Betty-Sketch  
WQXR-Variety Concert
- 4:45-WVEAF-Little Orphan Annie-Sketch**  
LIVING
- 6:00-WVEAF-Democracy at the Crossroads-Arthur M. Holcombe, at Harvard, from Chicago**  
WQXR-Music to Remember
- 6:15-WVEAF-News; Ford Bond, Comments**
- 6:25-WQXR-News Comments**
- 7:00-WVEAF-Fred Waring Orchestra**  
WQXR-Sports; The Answer Man  
WQXR-Goodman Orchestra
- 7:30-WVEAF-Revelers Quartet; Orchestra**  
WQXR-Lone Ranger-Sketch  
WABC-Variety Program
- 7:45-WVEAF-Angler and Hunter-Raymond R. Camp, Sports Writer**  
8:30-WQXR-Symphony Orchestra; Erie De Lamarier, Conductor
- WQXR-Don't Forget-Quiz**  
WABC-Burns and Allen, Comedy; Frank Parker, Tenor
- 9:00-WVEAF-Lyman Orchestra; Frank Munn, Tenor; Chorus**  
WABC-Jane Pickens, Songs; Paige Orchestra
- WQXR-Theatre Reviews**  
9:15-WQXR-Edwin G. Hill, Comments  
WQXR-Miniature Concert
- 9:30-WVEAF-Death Valley Days-Sketch**  
WQXR-Finello Orch.; Penny Wise, Jimmy Shields, Songs
- WQXR-Antony Doschek, Violin**  
Miss Louise Paff, Piano
- 10:00-WVEAF-Guy Lombardo Orchestra**  
WQXR-Raymond Wing, Comments  
WQXR-Concert Music (to 12)
- 10:15-WVEAF-Adult Education and the State-Dr. Robert G. Sprunt, President, University of California, at National University Extension Conference, Berkeley, Cal.**  
WQXR-Finello Orchestra
- 11:00-WVEAF-J. Dorsey Orchestra**

## JOAN'S ON THE WAY



In fact she's practically there by now. Where? La Belle France. Why? Because "All Good Girls Go to Paris" says Joan Blondell who will explain her reasons at the Music Hall Thursday when the film by the same title opens. Maybe Melvyn Douglas, shown gazing fondly at his companion, is one of the reasons.



**By Roy Parker**

Lou can't play first base again; he has to take it easy for the rest of his life because doctors at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.,

And in October he will become another All-Time great, a wonder man of the past.

etc.—Henry Hason Pkway to  
Sawmill River Pkway. Turn off  
Tuckshoe Rd. to Sawmill River  
Rd. Straight ahead to Picnic  
Grounds.

## NEW YORK, FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1939

HUMANS AND THUS  
LEARN WHAT IT'S  
ALL ABOUT.....  
FINALLY

**GEORGE SELKIRK**

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AFTER SAVING GOOD-  
 BYE TO HIS WIFE  
 MIRNA (JITTERBUG)  
 AND HIS SON.....  
 MARMADUKE, THE  
 OLD SEA-SERPENT,  
 FOLLOWING HIS BE-  
 YOO-TIFUL WIFE'S  
 DIRECTIONS JUST  
 SWAM, N' SWAM, N'  
 SWAM..... (OR IS IT  
 SWUM, N' SWUM, N'  
 SWUM?).....

THIS MUST BE IT --  
 HUMANS MUST BE  
 AWFULLY QUEER --  
 IMAGINE LIVING IN  
 THOSE SILLY-LOOKING  
 ROCKS, WHEN YOU CAN  
 LIVE IN PERFECT COM-  
 FORT AT THE BOTTOM  
 OF THE OCEAN!

MUMBE THEY DON'T  
 KNOW ABOUT IT --  
 HOW D'YOU LIKE IT?  
 AND IT'S ME THAT'S  
 SUPPOSED TO  
 GET EDUCATED!

THE IDEA BEING  
 TO GET TO KNOW  
 HUMANS AND THUS  
 LEARN WHAT IT'S  
 ALL ABOUT.....

FINALLY

SO THAT'S A HUMAN BEING!!  
I KNOW WHAT-- I'LL SNEAK  
UP ON THE WEIRD CREATURES  
AND STUDY 'EM AT CLOSE  
RANGE!!